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*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

April-May 2014

The Resurrection

What is the resurrection? It is a question we need to ask every time we find ourselves in the midst of Easter. The meaning of resurrection is twofold. First, it deals with Jesus Christ and His saving work in the world. After His suffering and death on Good Friday, Christ is resurrected on Easter Sunday. His physical body as well as His spirit is raised again from the dead, still bearing the scars of the crucifixion. Through this act Christ conquers death.

Secondly, because of His saving acts all who believe in Him and seek to live a holy life stand to inherit eternal life. Because Christ's tomb is empty we know that this eternal life is not only for our spirit that leaves the body. When God's plan is complete, our graves, too, will be empty and our body as well as our spirit will be raised again from the dead.

Resurrection is a word that carries a lot of promise in our faith. We know that because of God's love through Christ, all of creation will be restored through resurrection. God promises not to destroy the earth, but to restore it in the last days with God's Kingdom upon it. Until then everything, from failed relationships to lost jobs, from broken churches to worn out lives can be resurrected by the one who destroyed sin and death. What will Christ's resurrection mean for you this Easter? Pastor Nathan

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

We start Deuteronomy Sunday, April 27. This is the 5th book of the TORAH. Please plan to join us at 9:30.

Blessings, Bob

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class is doing a verse by verse study of the book of Acts. You only need to bring your Bible to class.

We meet in room 1 at 9:30 am

Youth Sunday school

we will continue to study Great Figures of the New Testament. This month we will discuss:

The Samaritan Woman

Mary Magdalene

Knit - Purl - Pray

Parkwood United Methodist Church

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

2nd. and 4th. Saturday



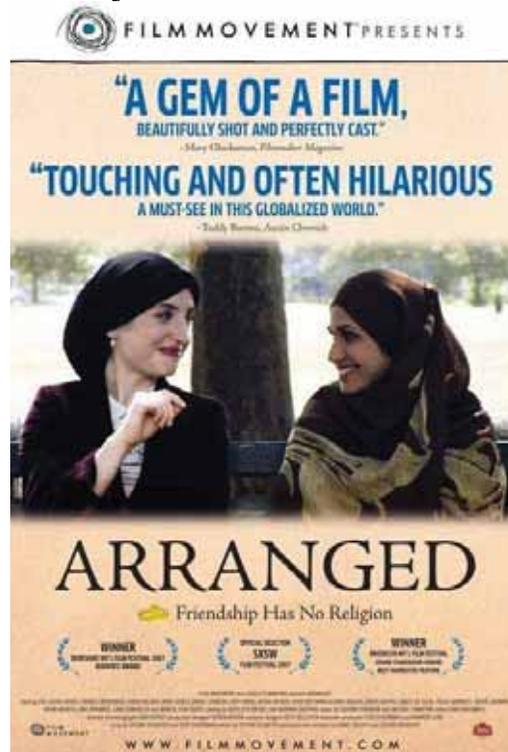
If you are an experienced knitter/crochet, beginner or a novice; you are welcome. We all have our own level of expertise and love to share.

This Day in Christian History--April

April 4, 1507—Martin Luther is ordained as a priest in Erfurt, Germany, one year after being consecrated as a monk in the Augustinian order.

April 5, 1953---In Washington DC President Dwight D. Eisenhower inaugurates the Presidential Prayer Breakfast (later called the National Prayer Breakfast). In 1956 Eisenhower signed an act making “In God We Trust” the national motto.

Friday Nite Movie Presents:



Arranged

May 2nd. 2014 @ 7:30 pm

Plot summary

The film centers on two young women — one an Orthodox Jew, the other a devout Muslim — who meet and become friends as first-year teachers at a public school in Brooklyn. Over the course of the year they learn that they share much in common, not least of which is that they are both going through arranged marriages.

Previews of Coming Attractions for 2014*

*subject to change

June	The Body	2001	Antonio Banderas, Olivia Williams
July	Greatest Show on Earth	1953	Charlton Heston, Jimmy Stewart
Aug.	Dolphin Tale	2011	Harry Connick, Jr., Ashley Judd
Sept.	Rear Window	1954	James Stewart, Grace Kelly
Oct.	The Thing from another World	1951	Kenneth Tobey, Margaret Sheridan
Nov.	The Mission	1986	Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons
Dec.	Remember the Night	1940	Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurry



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays-April

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
 Nathan Moore 4-20
 Haley Schwarze 4-22
 Betty Lou Whitaker 4-27

Birthdays-May

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-April

Kyle & Robin Willson 4-27

Anniversaries-May

Merle & Peggy Minor 5-1
 Bill & Debbie Kavanaugh 5-4
 Olly & Deena Roberts 5-18
 Nathan & Laura Wittman 5-23
 Andrew & Lauren Key 5-26

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com

This Day in Christian History--April

April 9, 1945---Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German Lutheran pastor and theologian is martyred by the Nazis as the result of his involvement in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

April 14, 1940---English Bible expositor Arthur W. Pink declares in a letter, "Nothing is too great and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord."

2014 Crop Walk Team



It was a great day for a walk. Not too hot, not too cool, and no rain. A great team (see attached photo). If you have not given or pledged to the CROP Hunger Walk, please consider doing so. If the stories I have sent have not convinced you to give or give more, then the dedication of these walkers should make the difference. As I said in church today, Peggy was there. Last year she walked the entire walk (4.8 miles) as Pumcie the PUMC dragon. We used her picture in the brochure we used to convince t-shirt sponsors. Maureen was there. A few years back, we were at Duke Chapel ready to step off. It was raining and thunder and lightning. But the CROP Walk was set to go on until we found out that there was a fire downtown that had blocked off part of the route. (This was back in the days when the walk was 10 miles from Duke to Hayti and back.) Maureen was there and ready to walk even though the weather was bad and she was nine months pregnant! (Her daughter was born 8 days later.)

Please support the dedication of these walkers by donating to the CROP Walk. (You can write a check to the church and just mark it for CROP.) Or donate on line: go to <http://durhamcropwalk.org> and click on donate. Find the PUMC team and donate to the team or to the member you want to support. Blessings, Bob

This Day in Christian History--May

May 4, 1988---Biloxi-born Catholic prelate Eugene A. Marino, SSJ, is installed as archbishop of Atlanta. He is the first African-American archbishop.



United Methodist Women

The Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, March 27th. in the Fellowship Hall at PUMC. Pam Skidmore welcomed fourteen women who attended the meeting this month. Betty Byrd was on vacation so she stepped in as chair. As always, the members took a few minutes to share joys and to report on health concerns as well as improving conditions.

We did not have a Response moment at this meeting.

The women broke for Lasagna, garden salad, seafood salad, soda and dessert which included a wonder fresh fruit bowl. Ivel Antwiturk and Charlotte Thompson provided the wonderful feast. Ivel wanted to do something special for the woman because she and the children will be joining her husband in Minnesota soon. We want to thank them for the delicious goodies.

We made motions and approved the minutes from the last meeting along with the Treasurer's report. Pat Nestler and Ann Farmer stated the St. Patty's Day fundraiser made \$708 for the new kitchen floor. The UMM will be donating \$200. The Jacob's classroom will be donating \$100. We are well on our way to a new kitchen floor. Ann Farmer stated she is going to ask the Cub Scouts if they would like to contribute something to this project. We have a grand total of \$1,008.00 towards the \$1,600.00

During the Treasurer's report it was mentioned how much the day care cost and do we want to continue for every meeting. It was discussed and decided to only have child care at special functions. If a child comes to the meeting we will make up a schedule of who would volunteer to watch any children in the nursery area.

Pam Skidmore and Ann Farmer thanked all the women who provided food, decorated, setup and clean- up for the fund raiser. It looked like a good time was had by all.

Pam started the program on "a Call to Prayer and Self Denial". The program was on deaconesses and the missionary work they do around the world even in our own country. The women had Lego's for them to imagine what they would build if they were on a mission project. Several of the women and readings to help everyone understand what these women do and give up in their following of the words of our Lord and Savior. A collection was taken up after the program for the retirement for these deaconesses and missionaries. Pat will make sure it is mailed off to the district.

Our April meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday, April 24th. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the PUMC Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Mike Billlau. He will be speaking on his recent trip to Honduras. We are all excited to hear about his missionary trip.



Don't Forget Mom May 11 th



PUMC MISSION TO HELP THE INJURED GORMAN FAMILY FINANCIALLY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL!

Thanks to the generosity and compassion of you, our PUMC congregation, and the PUMC Leadership Team, our church was able to contribute \$1,050 to the Vortex-injured Gorman family in March. The funds we donated go towards helping the family with monthly medical bills and health insurance payments during their current physical recovery period from critical injuries, when work has been impossible for both Kisha and Anthony.

It will likely be years of litigation until their case goes before the courts for trial of the owner and the operator of the Vortex ride, who investigators found to have knowingly tampered with the safety control circuits of the ride, to keep it in operation during last year's State Fair. Until that time, the family remains in financial distress, dependent upon the goodness of others for help.

Our total PUMC donation of \$1,050 consists of \$500 pledged by the PUMC Leadership Team, plus \$550 given by our PUMC congregation's individual directed donors. The total represents nearly 8% of the moneys received from our PUMC partnership with Creedmoor UMC to occupy State Fair ride ticket booths for pay. Together, we all "tithed back" our church's part of our booth earnings, for the benefit of this family, just when they needed our help the most!

Kisha Gorham has thanked us for our compassion and generosity. She sent me this e-mail on March 4th:

"Mr. Stephans,

Thank you and your church family for your prayers and thoughtfulness. God is still in the healing business! My husband has come home from the hospital and we are still trusting in God for a full recovery; spirit, soul & body! We are all dealing with an emotional recovery. My niece is still struggling with her back injury but I KNOW God can heal her. I have my own pain and sorrow but my heart's focus is on my family. We are trying to put our lives back together one day at a time.

Sincerely,

Kisha (KJ) Gorham"

The GIVE 2 THE GORHAMS website is still active. As of date of this writing, \$15,440 of the \$20,000 goal for financial assistance to the Gorman family has been realized.

Please accept my personal thanks also, to our PUMC congregation, our directed donors to this mission, and to our PUMC Leadership Team. Thanks to all for their willing support and pledges. Together, we successfully completed this mission to effectively help another family in their time of crisis. Frank Stephans



Dear Life Changer,

On World Malaria Day, or any other day, if you said a prayer, [donated](#) a dollar or "covered the 'Net'" to raise awareness of this killer disease ... **we thank you.** By spreading the word that there has been progress and there is hope, the chances multiply that deaths from malaria will be eliminated sooner rather than later. If you haven't participated in our #CoverTheNet social media campaign to promote awareness of World Malaria Day, April 25, it's not too late.

You can help spread the word with just a few clicks at [Twibbon](#) and [Thunderclap](#)

We wish we could thank you in ways beyond words. Instead of virtual thanks, we would send you buckets of joyful tears cried by pregnant mothers. We would send you letters from children in classrooms – kids who might otherwise not have lived long enough to go to school. We would show you the mountain of insecticide-treated nets – provided through your gifts – that protect families as they sleep.

Not only would we offer gratitude for saving lives; we also would celebrate how Imagine No Malaria is changing the lives of supporters. Our churches have come alive with ways to become involved. Children in Sunday school have led by giving their pennies and raising tens of thousands of dollars more. Local congregations have opened their eyes to a world beyond the one in which they live. United Methodists have joined across communities and countries to work toward a common purpose. We have put words into action and actions into healing.

When we say, "Thank you for everything you've done and will continue to do," think of a child's smile, a mother's answered prayers and a village's rebirth. Think of revitalized churches, healthy children and togetherness as a denomination. Think of being God's hands and feet in a world starving for love.

God bless you for caring.





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Mother's Day Offering for Methodist Retirement Homes

For many who are young it seems difficult to understand how it's possible to live longer than your resources last, but that is a fact of life for many in our retirement homes. The Mother's Day offering goes to help these people continue to be able to pay for simple things like haircuts, personal care items, and small things we take for granted. On Sunday, May 11, you are asked to receive a special offering in your church(s) for this purpose. There are offering envelopes available at your request. If you wish to use & receive envelopes please contact Cheryl Miller at (919) 384-3005 or by emailing her at cherylm@umrh.org. Please let her know the quantity you need and your church's district, name, and mailing address. Click on the links below to download bulletin inserts and other information for you and your congregation.

Consider this: In our district last year (2013) out of 110 churches only 22 churches lifted up this cause and received an offering. I believe this year we can do better than this

This Day in Christian History--May

May 10---A Declaration of Union reunites the Methodist Church in the United States after 109 years of division. The recombined denomination comprises more that 8 million members.

May 19---*Godspell*, a musical based on the Gospel of Matthew, opens at the Cherry Lane Theater in New York City.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
				1 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	2 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite Presents: "Arranged"	3 7 RTP Fellowship
4 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	8 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	9 9:30 Senior Exercise	10 9-11 Knit, Purf, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
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TASK	MAY 4	MAY 11	MAY 18	MAY 25
9:15 Greeters	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland and David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd
10:45 Greeters	Steve Jenkins and Aida Cancel	Susan Oglesby and Dianne Mitchell	Marie Porter	Ron & Betty Byrd
Infant Nursery	Betty Byrd	Ron Clark	Dianne Mitchell	Dena Roberts
Ushers	David Thompson and Ann Farmer	Ron & Susan Clark	Andrew Key and Linnie Skidmore	Frank & Brenda Stephans
Altar Guild	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson
Communion Set-Up	Pam Skidmore and Priscilla Thompson			
Altar Flowers				
Member Care Cards	Margaret Eiland	Betty Byrd	Susan Oglesby	Pat Nestler
Counters	Bob Newlin and Laura Denny	Laura Denny and Roger Jarrell	Roger Jarrell and Ann Farmer	Ann Farmer and Frank Stephans
FT & Lection Reader	Charlotte Thompson	Marie Porter	Lauren Key	Jan Schwarze
Fellowship Refreshments	Lisa Greene	Steve Jenkins and Aida Cancel	Brenda Stephans	Florine Layman
Office Help	Peggy Moore	Andrew Key	Margaret Eiland	Ron Byrd
Acolytes	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw

MINISTRY TEAM FOR MAY 2014 *If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

PUTTING THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER ?

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JEREMIAH 17:7

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD,

AND WHOSE HOPE IS THE LORD.