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VOLUME 20, ISSUE 3 THE NEWSLETTER OF, FOR AND ABOUT THE MINISTRIES OF PARKWAY HILLS UMC WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010

What Is Our Job?

I recently read the following in an article: "A classic 1970 study on the demise of railroads concluded that they went out of business because they thought the business they were in was railroads. It wasn't. The business they were in was transportation. Likewise, churches may decline or die when they think the business they are in is church. It isn't. The business they are in is God's mission in the world." It is so easy for us to slip into the mistaken idea that our primary job is being the Church. Dr. Albert Outler, one of my seminary professors, once said, "If the United Methodist Church becomes primarily concerned about its own survival, it will not survive and will not deserve to." The only reason for the existence of the church is for God's mission in the world. If the church does not serve God's purpose, God will find some other means to fulfill that mission.

- What does that mean for what we do and who we are? First we need a clear understanding about what God's mission is in the world. I believe the following scripture passages are central in understanding what God wants for the church and the world. This is that most familiar and beloved passages: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)
- Jesus own description of his mission and ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)
- The parable of the Last Judgment which tells us what God expects from us: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:34-36)

God's mission in the world involves God's love for all creation and God's will that all things should be restored and redeemed.

The second thing we need to ask is how the things we do as a congregation serve God's mission in the world? This does not mean that we stop doing things internally, but that we judge everything based on whether it helps equip and inspire us to be involved in God's work in the places where we live, work and play.

Grace & Peace,
Richard Robbins

PARKWAY HILLS WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 21, 2010

9:30 am GUM Group goes to Bethlehem Center
4:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:30 am Blue Jean Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm ASAP
5:00 pm Staff/Parish Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, January 25, 2010

9:00 am Women's Bible Study
12:00 pm Prayer Quilt Ministry
4:00 pm SYNAGO

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 28, 2010

4:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday — 8:30 to 4:30

Friday — 8:30 to 12:00

RICHARD ROBBINS, SENIOR PASTOR
DAVID MORRIS, YOUTH MINISTER/ASSOCIATE PASTOR
PHILIP MESSNER, MINISTER OF MUSIC
CYNTHIA GIBBS, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY
TINA OATES, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CATHY ROBERTSON, FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

**CORE VALUES OF PARKWAY HILLS
WELCOME—GROW—SERVE—CELEBRATE**

Eagle Scout Ceremony

for

Connor Lewis

Sunday January 31, 2010

at

2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Reception Following in the Media Center

Church Family is Invited to Attend

***Expressions of Love and Sympathy to
Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones:***

Charlotte Anding & Family, on the death of her sister,
Katherine King.

Haiti Emergency

United Methodists have had a long-standing relationship with Haiti through the Methodist Church of Haiti. The strong ties between the Methodist Church of Haiti and The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) helped in facilitating the opening of the UMCOR Haiti field office in 2005. 100 percent of Advance gifts made will go to support relief due to the emergency in Haiti.

Please mark your contribution "Haiti."

Parenting Seminar

Wednesday, January 27th thru

March 10th

6:00 to 7:00 pm

Join Cynthia Gibbs and David Morris as they begin a six week seminar on parenting. Come and discover 10 Biblical traits that will make you a better parent and a better person.

Then, begin to intentionally pass these traits on to your children.

PHUMC Missions Update

The loving family of PHUMC gave \$2,181.66 to provide 22 scholarships for the impoverished children in Honduras. This money pays for school supplies, required uniforms, shoes and other necessities for the entire school year. Last year we sponsored 12 children and some of these children we will have sponsored for 4 years.

STOP HUNGER NOW

Our meals that we packaged for Stop Hunger Now were shipped to Haiti this fall. They were sent to the Convoy of Hope which is a school in Haiti that feeds 6 - 7,000 children.

The church office will be closed on Fridays starting in February.

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 to 4:30

MEETING NOTICE

SPRC - Sun, Jan. 24th - 5:00 pm
Finance Committee - Thurs, Jan. 28th - 6:30 pm

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee of Parkway Hills will begin a series of meeting with Henderson Rasberry to talk about the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation and the leadership needs. These conversations will guide the Bishop and Cabinet (the 11 District Superintendents) in making the decision about who the next Senior Pastor will be for Parkway Hills.

Your input is needed in this process. Please contact any member of the SPRC to share anything you wish about this process. The members of the committee are:

Jerry Smith - Chair, Kent Barrett, Frank Cote,
Charles Guess, Ginny Kennedy, Mark McLain,
Connie Moore, Darlene Roberts, Judy Russell,
Sarah Turner, David White

MEMORIAL GIFT

*A memorial gift was given to the general fund in
memory of Mr. David McLeod.*

**Record of Our Faithfulness
Sunday, January 17, 2010**

Attendance: 8:30 am - 70 10:45 am - 179 SS - 134
Amount Received: \$ 11,721.25
Haiti Offering: \$900.00

Year-to-date - December 2009
Income \$810,910.02 Expenses \$798,449.28

**This Sunday's Worship Services
Sunday, January 24, 2010**

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a;
Luke 4:14-21*

Acolytes 8:30.....Meredith Boles
Acolytes 10:45.....Emma Claire Gibbs, Sela White
Nursery Volunteer.....Molly Kirk
Extended Session.....David & Kathryn Carter
Greeters 8:30.....Dewey & Angela Boles, Carolyn Campbell
Greeters 10:45.....George & Carolyn Sisk, Gray & Mary Swoope
Welcome Team.....Pat Dunn, Adelene Killens
Ushers 8:30.....Gary Connor, Rick Dallas, Johnny Fanning,
.....Horace Yarbrough, John Yeager
Ushers 10:45.....Henry Agent, Ron Farris, Chris Gibbs, Paul Long
Offering Counters.....David Carter, Justyn Dixon
Youth Snack.....Steve & Anita Lewis

Prayer Concerns

Elisha Adcox Betsy Yarbrough's daughter	Georgi Marlowe Lisa Sanderfur's brother
Jay Alexander Kevin & Tiffni's friend	Bill Martin Boyce Christopher's son
Patrick Anderson (Iraq) Henry & Ann Weissenborn's friend	Sabrina Martin Marilyn Collins' friend
Jim & Ruby Atwell Terri Cribb's friends	Jo Ann MaxLiner Wayne Jones' sister
Mary Lou Ballard Marilyn Collins' friend	Mitch McCaskill Nita Miller's nephew
Eric Baumgartner (Iraq) Kermit & Julie Baumgartner's son	Melinda McClinton Debbie Burson's friend
Bruce Bohne David & Margo Bowers' friend	Don McConnell Jim & Cathy's Robertson's brother-in-law
Gordon Brown Terri Cribb's friend	Bo McLeod (Iraq) Angie Williams' brother
Jean Burson Elkanah Burson's mother	Bill McMonus Paul Nader's brother-in-law
The Carroll Family (Kelsey Carroll) Debbie Burson's friends	Laura Moon Casey & Corey Allen's friend
Brian & Alison Chapman Bob & Kay Abney's friends	Evelyn Moore Ron Farris' relative
Betsy Clarke Nita Miller's co-worker	Tim Moore Ann Moore's brother
Marjorie Coker Paul Hegwood's mother	Manita Morgan & Family Debbie Case's friends
Ronnie Coleman Horace & Betsy Yarbrough's nephew	Johnny Peet Pat Franklin's friend
Bill Cook Bob & Kay Abney's friend	Jewel Pettus Terri Cribb's friend
Mary Dent Deaton Paul Nader's aunt	Roxann Reidel Tina White's cousin
Lisa Dirkx Dionna Howard's friend	Nell Ricker
Nell Dismuke Lisa McLain's mother	Bob Roberts
Judd Drewry Jan Brister's father	Roy & Pat Ryals Angie Ryals' parents
Libby Fain Terri Cribb's friend	Cynthia Sherman Susan Taylor's friend
Bill Farris Ron Farris' brother	Debra Shultz Bob & Darlene Roberts' neighbor
Sherry Felder Sarah Watts' mother	Lucy Slaughter Wayne & Louise Johnson's daughter-in-law
Al & Carol Fielder Gene & Barbara Kreuz's friend	Bryce Smith John Green's niece
Ann Fornet Gene & Barbara Kreuz's friend	Geneva Smith Boyce Christopher's friend
Henry Fox Scotty Irby's friend	Sid Spiro
Larry Franck Bob & Kay Abney's friend	Dorothy Stegura Margo Bowers' mother
Claudia Fugler	Harry & Kathleen Stroud Terri Cribb's friends
J. O. Gibbs Chris Gibbs' grandfather	Dot Taylor Jeana Taylor's mother
Demetris Gibson Janet & Alan Leach's brother-in-law	Peggy Taylor Lisa Agent's aunt
Will Graves Mark & Lisa McLain's friend	Susan Taylor (Bruce & Susan)
Tara Griffith Chere Peel's friend	Paula Ticcio Dave Cannimore's friend
Tom Guest Lucy Slaughter's father	Michelle Villarrubia Savannah McDonald's friend
Betsy Hardy Beth Duff's mother	Julie Walker Rick & Connie Moore's step sister-in-law
Alie Harvell Terri Cribb's aunt	Gene Wardlaw Beth Taylor's friend
Rexine Henry Rick & Sherry Dallas' friend	Martha Weatherall Mark McLain's aunt
The Horne Family Lucy Slaughter's sister	Andi Webb & Sherry Webb Richard Robbins' friends
Linda Carol Hudson Bruce Kirkland's sister	Andrew White
Merilyn Kagelmacher Lynn Dean's mother	Evelyn White Thomas White's mother
Madeline Kelly Susan Taylor's co-worker's daughter	Bob Wilkinson Henry & Lisa Agent's friend
Joyce Leonard Wayne Johnson's sister	
Nancy Long Paul Long's mother	

**For our nation, our leaders, our service men/women and their families and the conflicts in Iraq and around the world. For those in nursing homes or homebound. For our church. For each other. For ourselves.*

Music Notes

Choir time for all!!!!

Rehearsal schedule for Wednesday's

6:00 Tiny Tones

6:00-k-4th grade choir

6:30 PTY Choir

7:00 Adult Choir

*Tiny Tones and K-4th choirs are preparing for Children's Sabbath May 9th

*PTY Choir will be preparing for Sunday morning Worship and a skit night April 14th

*Adult Choir will be preparing for each Sunday service as well as special Holy Week Services

**Wednesday Night Menu
for January 2010**

*All meals are served with drink, roll, salad and dessert

01/27 Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Adult Meal - \$6.00 Child Meal- \$4.00

Pizza Plate - \$4.00 Additional Slices - \$1 each**

For standing reservations for the month, take a form from the posters or print one off of the church website, and return it with your check. Standing reservations must be paid in advance!

**Additional slices of pizza can only be bought

AFTER the purchase of a plate!

Let's us know if you are getting a to go plate.

Deadline for making weekly reservations is **NOON** on Monday!

