



**PARKWAY HILLS**  
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We do best the things we do together.

## Welcome to your **BRAND NEW** Newsletter!

January 11th, 2012

### *2012: The Year of the Great Awakening*

I invite you to join me in a season of prayer and preparation for all that awaits us in the year to come. But when I say preparation, I am talking first about preparing our hearts. Before we get too busy, before we get lost in a hectic pace, we need to ask ourselves again the most fundamental questions: Who are we? Why do we exist? Why does anybody need Parkway Hills United Methodist Church? If we stay with in these questions, if we have conversations about our reason for being, then it will become clear to us what we are to do. In the next couple of weeks, we will make available to all of our leaders, and anybody who wants to join us, a resource called: "The Five-Fold Path: Congregational Spirituality." Here are some truths that we will consider together as a church:

Vital churches are of clear focus and singular *purpose*.

Vital churches seek God's *presence*.

Vital churches build spiritual *practice*.

Vital churches guide people toward maturing in the Christian life, providing *pathways* for growth in all phases of the journey.

Vital churches are actively available to God who sends us forth in the *power* of the Spirit to bear witness and serve.

Vital churches embrace the *pilgrimage* toward which they would guide others; they journey together as a team.

This resource is brief, but it is packed with Scripture and great quotes that will help us to "re-awaken" to the amazing possibilities before us. I am grateful to have a church family with which to share this journey. I am also grateful that no matter what-- in joy and in sorrow, in amazing success and gut-wrenching

failure-- our delight is that this merciful God will not let us go. Christ does not leave us as we are, but calls us to follow him and become more than we ever dreamed. This is our great awakening!

Onward,

Bruce

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**Record of Our Faithfulness  
Sunday, January 8, 2012**

Attendance: 8:30 am-- 10:45 am-- Sunday School--

Amount Received: \$17,577.00

Year to Date: January-December 2011

Income: \$705,653.13 Expense: \$700,636.64

Amount needed each week to fulfill our ministry: \$13,837.00

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**This Sunday's Worship Service  
January 15, 2012**

Acolytes 8:30 am.....Meredith Boles  
Acolytes 10:45 am.....Burke Estes and Ford Williams  
Extended Session Volunteers.....Mandy and Jody Nichols  
Nursery Volunteer.....Ashley Sanders  
Greeters 8:30 am.....Dewey and Angela Boles  
Greeters 10:45 am.....Jeff and Charlotte Estes  
Ushers 8:30.....John Yeager, Gary Connor, Rick Dallas,  
.....Johnny Fanning, Richard Sanders, and Horace Yarbrough  
Ushers 10:45.....Henry Agent, Paul Long, Thomas Moak, and JR Wood  
Offering Counters.....Alan Leach and Bob Abney  
Youth Supper.....Mary Swoope and Sarah Turner

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**"I Heard It Through the Grapevine:" What's Happening at Parkway Hills!**

**Weight Watchers Group for PHUMC Members**

Are you interested? We need 15 participants in order to offer this 13 week program at the church. The total cost is \$132 and can be paid in two installments. We will meet Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. (The time can be changed to fit the schedule of

participants).

If you have questions, contact Carolyn Sisk at 601-497-8183 or  
[csisk@jacksonprep.net](mailto:csisk@jacksonprep.net).

We would like to start on January 19th. Invite a friend to do this with you.  
Call or email the church office to sign up.

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### **Flower Sign-Up**

If you would like to sign up to place flowers in the Sanctuary, there will be sign-up sheets available in the foyer of the Worship Center. The cost is \$50 per arrangement and are ordered by the office. All flowers can be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Just let us know what information you would like us to put in the bulletin.

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### **Wanted! Deer Meat!**

Mike Nowicki and Tom Stewart are calling for “doe”nations of deer meat to process and “doe”nate to Stew Pot, MadCAAP, or other community outreach organizations.  
See or call Mike for more info: 601-750-0885.

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### **Children’s Council Meeting Sunday, January 22 4:00 pm in The Garden**

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to be involved in Children’s Ministry at PHUMC. We will be planning for 2012 and would love to have your ideas and input.  
Please email Cynthia at [cynthiagibbs@parkwayhillsumc.org](mailto:cynthiagibbs@parkwayhillsumc.org) or Connie Moore at [connipooh@comcast.net](mailto:connipooh@comcast.net) for more information.

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### **Knitting Class January 22nd and 29th from 2-3:00 pm**

Ann Weissenborn will be leading a knitting class starting on January 22nd. Look for more information soon!

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### **Canned Soup and Saltines for MadCAAP**

We will be collecting canned soups and saltine crackers for MadCAAP's food pantry

starting today, Wednesday January 11th, 2012. We will conclude our can and cracker drive on Wednesday January 25th, 2012. Please be sure to start bringing your soups and saltines TONIGHT! Let's kick-off Wednesday Nights with a bang!

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### **Ladies' Bible Study Resumes**

The Ladies' Monday mornign Bible study will resume on January 23rd at 9:00 am. Childcare is provided! We will be looking at Beth Moore's study of *James*. Contact Molly Kirk for more information: mkirk1028@hotmail.com

### **Meeting Notices**

1/22-- Children's Council Meeting at 4:00 pm  
1/23-- Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm  
1/25--Missions Meeting  
(We will have table set aside for us at Wed. Night Supper)

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### **PHUMC Calendar**

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00 pm Karen Robison from MadCAAP to speak/Soups and Saltines Drive Starts

Sunday, January 15, 2012

8:30 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Morning Worship Service  
4:00 pm ASAP  
5:00 pm Sunday Night Youth  
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 16, 2012

12:00 pm Prayer Quilt Meeting