

The *Parkway* Herald

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Of all the epistles accorded to the Apostle Paul, I've discerned one as God's charge to me as your transitional pastor--the Letter to Titus. The verse that has stuck with me throughout this last (almost) year is this:

"I left you behind in Crete for this reason, that you should put in order what remained to be done..." (1:5)

Titus seems to have experienced a challenge or two, given Paul's cautions about various people in the congregation and strange words about how women should behave. Believers must read and interpret these instructions with one foot in the early church and the other solidly in the present. Throughout the course of history, in whatever context one would care to name, we are reminded:

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you." (Titus 2:1-15)

God placed me among you for a reason, to shepherd you through a season of change and to minister with you as you prepared for Christ's new minister of his Word and Sacrament.

I hope you will believe, as I do, that this season has been *generally* fruitful and good in the eyes of the Lord. I hope you have felt, as I did, the movement of the Holy Spirit as new paths opened before us. I hope you will agree that the season we have shared hasn't been perfect, but it has been good.

Soon you will welcome your new transitional pastor, the Rev. Leigh Wisner. You will behave in the Parkway manner, I know, which is to be welcoming and supportive--just as you were to me.

Soon after Leigh's arrival and according to God's own timing, you will begin to hear promising news from the PNC. Parkway's future is good as long as you trust in the Lord.

Next for me is a six-month gig as the transitional associate pastor at First Presbyterian in Virginia Beach, VA. God has also opened up a new opportunity to teach at the university level, a long-time hope of mine.

Be well. Live in peace, loving and serving the Lord. Remember the poor always.

In joyful gratitude and in Jesus' name,



Kerry Knox Westerwick, Transitional Pastor



Circle Up!

PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (AKA 'OUR CIRCLES') NEW YEAR IS UNDERWAY

Parkway PW begins its year each September and concludes the following spring in May. These nine months keep us busy with circle meetings, Bible or book study, local service projects, contributions to PW(USA) programs around the world, participation in whatever is going on at Parkway, fellowship, "girl talk," and occasionally, even a trip! If you are not currently involved, we think you are missing out and we want YOU to join us.

Getting involved is easy. Call Dee Parker (336 768 2843) or Catherine Trawick (336 723 1597) to get the "lowdown" as to what is going on and to learn about each of the four circles. Two meet mornings, two meet evenings -two meet at Parkway, two meet in members' homes or at a local restaurant (Lydia Circle is a dinner circle), - three use the Presbyterian Women's Bible study (more about that in a minute) and Lydia currently selects books or series of interest to the group for discussion - two meet the first Tuesday of the month and two meet the second Tuesday. We are trying to cover a wide range of possibilities to enable all our women to find a place, a time, and a style that works for them. Twice a year we meet, along with Presbyterian Women around the world, to celebrate the Birthday of our organization (May) and the Thank Offering (Nov) to support PW's missions at home and abroad.

This year's Bible study is proving to be outstanding. **"WHO IS JESUS?-WHAT A DIFFERENCE A LENS MAKES"** takes us on a journey to enrich our understanding of who Jesus was and is by looking at Him through the eyes (lens) of not only each of the four familiar Gospel writers but also - as the study progresses - through the eyes of early church leaders, writers whose works did not "make the cut" for the Bible as we know it, Jewish and Muslim approaches to the identity of Jesus, and finally interpretations from contemporary cultures different from our own. Our September study focused on Mark's views (nearly half of this Gospel tells of Christ Passion/Crucifixion/Resurrection, affirming Mark's message that Jesus was first and foremost the "Suffering Servant" who never lost sight of his purpose of Redemption). The October study will focus on Matthew's picture of Jesus...and on we'll go...in efforts to grow our faith and understanding of who Jesus is.

Please join us. You will be heartily welcomed and loved...you will find value and worth in our group's efforts...you will both learn and share...your faith will strengthen and your life enriched. It is "All Good."

And do watch for our news each month in The Herald and online at parkwaypres.com

Dee Parker, Moderator
Catherine Trawick, Vice Moderator

Presbyterian Women Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we commit ourselves:

to nurture our faith through prayer
and Bible study,

to support the missions of the church
worldwide,

to work for justice and peace, and
to build an inclusive caring community
of women that strengthens the Presbyterian
Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise
of God's kingdom

From the Missions Team:

HAITI SUNDAY-

October 2, we continue making plans to share with the congregation some of our accomplishments made in Haiti over the last twenty years. We are extending invitations to all that have joined Parkway in this ministry, members and non members, to come and celebrate with us

CROP WALK-

October 16, 2016, is the Crop Walk date. Three committee members, Patty Weisz, Jan Morgan and Gary Turner will be walking this year. Anyone that would like to register to walk with Team Parkway or make a donation online may do so at www.cropwalkforsyth.org. We will have a table set-up in the narthex on the 16th for members to make donations. Jan will contact Kristen Absher (Pre-school Director) to see if the pre-school parents and children wish to join us in this cause.

COOK ELEMENTARY-

Marcia Cole brought to our attention that Cook Elementary is the lowest performing school in NC. Big Brothers/Big Sisters is partnering with Cook Elementary to provide adult mentors that will spend two hours per month befriending these children. The Cook mentors will meet either 30 minutes each week or for one hour every other week to show these kids that someone really cares about them. Any Parkway members that may be interested in this program should contact Marcia Cole. Marcia will be doing a "minute for mission" about this program in the near future.



Wednesday Nite Lites

Is Back!

Starting October 5, at 5:45pm in the fellowship hall and, the first Wednesday of each month after, until further notice. Please call the church office to sign up by the Monday prior to the first Wednesday of each month.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex on the Sunday before.

Oct. 5th Menu: Cheesy Taco Pasta, Salad, Dessert

20 Years of Partnership in Haiti

For the past 20 years, Parkway has supported two ministries in Haiti with volunteers, prayers and financial donations.

Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti/Kore Timoun

This organization started by Dr. Mitch Mutter in 1998, states that its mission is to help raise a healthy generation of Haitian children, who can in turn raise Haiti from poverty. They began by using the concept of positive deviance to recognize mothers in the villages of Leogane who were able to raise healthy children despite the poverty and lack of resources that they faced. These mothers were identified as leaders in Hearth programs, where communities came together to cook healthy meals and learn about nutrition, sanitation, and other public health topics. Currently, community health workers, known as monitrices, are trained to monitor the growth and development of children through home visits, providing counseling in pre-natal care, nutrition and family planning as well as providing vitamins and de-worming medicine. A latrine project which was conceived by a community health committee in the village of Baret has been a focus over this past year. 100 latrines were completed and education for their use and maintenance was provided. Construction has begun now in a second village. Learn more at www.cnphaiti.org.

Parkway medical teams have worked with CNP since its inception to provide mobile clinics in remote areas of Leogane. They have partnered with Haitian physicians and nurses, providing education and support. Parkway members, Courtney and Maggie Latta, have completed yearlong internships with CNP and Tom Anderson has served as guest house coordinator for Hopitale Ste Croix, where teams for mobile clinics and other visitors are housed.

CODEP

The mission of CODEP is to support the efforts of the people of rural Haiti by providing programs, funding and knowledge aimed directly at increasing their self-sufficiency leading to an improved standard of living. Started in 1990, this organization has focused on working with community groups for cooperative development. Reforestation has been a huge focus, and over 13 million trees have been planted with an 80% retention rate. This reforestation, along with the digging of 1200 miles of contoured water holding ditches that collect leaves and create compost, has led to less erosion. This has allowed for the creation of more terraced farms so that Haitian farmers can not only feed their families but market their produce. Building fish ponds and cisterns has also been a large focus. In 2013, CODEP expanded from its initial 30 small communities and 600 Haitian farmers (one third of who are women) to 68 small communities and over 1,400 Haitian farmers (nearly half of whom are women). Learn more at www.haitifundinc.org

Parkway teams have been working with CODEP since 1998, first by sending teams that helped with education and building projects and later by sending medically focused teams that provided health care for the communities in the project area. Dan Wilkers served on the board of the Haiti Fund.

Moving Forward

A key component of both these organizations is that they are designed to enable Haitian citizens to work together in productive ways to improve their own communities. As time passes, we have seen the needs change and, as a result, our mission efforts may need to change, too. There are more permanent health clinics now staffed by Haitian nurses and doctors, so the focus of Parkway's teams is moving toward providing more educational opportunities; as Dr. Mathieu, a longtime Haitian partner, stated: "Haitian doctors are thirsty for education." CODEP noted in their last newsletter that 30 of their communities are now financially independent and that the others are requiring much less financial assistance than in 2008. This enabled them to expand significantly in 2013. It is exciting to see the changes that are happening as a result of consistent work, funding, prayer, and partnership over a long period of time, and it will be exciting to see what happens in the Leogane Commune of Haiti over the next 20 years.

Since 1996:

30 mission teams have interacted with CNP and CODEP as well as Hopitale Ste Croix.

Teams have treated more than 15,000 patients

6 children have been sponsored by Parkway community for medical or educational reasons

30 + Parkway members have participated on teams

20+ other churches have supported teams either by sending members or by financial support

Parkway has provided consistent financial and material support for CNP and CODEP



Tuesdays at Two

Everyone is welcome to join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 2PM at the Lewisville Library. We will read and discuss some good books.

October 4 - *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver

November 1 - *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah

You do not need to be a member of Parkway to join us. For more information contact Hesta Anderson.

Food & Fellowship will meet on October 18, at Five Points Restaurant (109 S. Stratford Rd.) at 6:30pm. You do not have to be a member to join us. For more information or to be on our contact list and receive an email reminder contact Leo or Marlene Weisz at werlmweisz@triad.rr.com

SAVE THE DATE-Oct 2, 2016

We will celebrate 20 years of Parkway's Ministry in Haiti on World Communion Sunday. Learn more about the work being done by organizations that Parkway partners with in Haiti during worship that morning. Then join us for a Haitian style lunch, prepared by our own Gerry and Lillian Brown. Donations will be taken during lunch to cover the cost of the meal and support a special project in Haiti. **Please call the church office by Wednesday, Sept. 28**, if you are planning to come to lunch so that we can be sure to have enough food. Hope to see you there.

General Fund YTD–thru 9-25-16

Received \$208,284.52

Budgeted \$218,139.69

Ahead/Behind (+/-) \$ -9,855.17

Mortgage Balance thru September 2016

\$233,877.94

October Birthdays

- 1 *Stan Polanis*
- Max Uhlig*
- 3 *Jackson Scott*
- 8 *Betty Cline*
- Greg Hutcherson*
- Ian Lee*
- 9 *Monika Uhlig*
- 13 *Michael Holt*
- 15 *Pattie Amundsen*
- 16 *Johnsie Compton*
- 17 *Will Phifer*
- 18 *Jack Trawick*
- Charlie Parker*
- Pamela Gendy*
- 19 *Deborah Trawick*
- Will Vickers*
- Matthew Willer*
- 22 *Robert Chapman*
- 24 *Trey Vickers*
- 26 *Rachel Wilkers Beaver*
- John Bobbitt*
- 29 *Ellie Mankaryos*



Once again it is that time of the year for Parkway Presbyterian to conduct our **Annual Giving Campaign**. We will be having Minute for Missions at the Worship Services during October to give you, the congregation, information about the upcoming year, 2017. During the week of October 8th we will be sending out packets that will contain not only financial pledges, but also information forms to find out how you would like to serve our community of faith (Time & Talent Sheet). To save postage costs, we plan to hand out as many packets as possible each Sunday. The Packet will consist of an Information Letter, a Pledge Card, a Time & Talent Sheet and a Percent Giving Chart. We ask that you prayerfully consider making your pledge and turning in your Pledge and Time & Talent Sheet on **Sunday, October 30th**. If you prefer, you may also return your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Sheet by e-mailing the church @ ppcws@triad.twcbc.com.

We ask that you help the Parkway Team out by giving whatever you can, so that the Session can budget and plan church activities, mission work and up keep of the church grounds.

Joe Fleming, Commitment Committee Moderator



CHURCH
WORKDAY

October 29th!
8am-noon
Mark Your Calendar!
Volunteers needed!

The best foods to donate

▶ Fruit and vegetable

Low-sodium canned vegetables
Canned fruit in light or no syrup
100% vegetable or fruit juice
Fruit cups in their own juice
Diced tomatoes
Spaghetti sauce
Raisins



▶ Protein

Canned salmon, chicken, turkey, or tuna in water
Low-sodium bean soups
Dried or canned beans and peas
Turkey or vegetable chili
Natural peanut butter
Low-fat cream soups
Almond butter
Unsalted nuts



▶ Grain

Whole-grain crackers
Whole-wheat pasta
Plain or low-sugar oatmeal
Low-sugar/high-fiber cereal
Whole-grain granola bars
Brown rice



▶ Milk

Low-fat dry milk
2% evaporated milk
Shelf-stable 1% milk
Fat-free pudding



Source: Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest N.C.

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