

# The *Parkway* Herald

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Leigh's Last Word:

Grace and Peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am so excited to serve as the next Interim Pastor at Parkway Presbyterian. My husband, Mitch, and I moved to Kernersville in July so he could take a position at Novant Health in Winston-Salem. We are blessed that God called us to such a beautiful state-full of friendly people and Southern hospitality, rolling hills, heavily wooded areas where the leaves change from brown to yellow to red.

We are blessed, too, that God ordered our steps so that we stumbled into Parkway and found an amazing pre-school for our three year old, Jonah! From our first visit, it was evident to us that the Spirit is alive and active at Parkway, and I feel blessed and humbled to follow in Kerry's footsteps as your next Interim Pastor.

As we begin the process of getting to know each other and discerning God's Spirit together, please bear with me as I learn everyone's name and the congregation's committee structure. I want you to know that my door is always open to you- no matter your thoughts, grievances, or "off the wall" ideas! I want to hear them!

I know that times of congregational transitions can be quite anxiety-provoking. There is a lot of uncertainty around one pastor leaving and another beginning, and the questions of "Where is God in all of this? Where is God leading us? What will our future look like, how will we get there? Who is going to lead us long-term?" I want to assure you that wrestling with these hard questions and any anxiety is completely normal, and that change doesn't have to be hard, **it can be fun!**

So long as we pray and trust in God's leading and presence here at Parkway, and so long as we discern the Spirit's voice in leading and guiding us together as a community, I guarantee God is leading us into a future that is brighter than what we could script for ourselves. After all, one of our greatest resources at Parkway is our people, God has blessed our congregation with intelligent and passionate people of faith who work together in community, reconcile differences respectfully, and serve graciously to build a servant community that represents the love, peace, justice, compassion, and joy of Jesus Christ to Winston-Salem, to one another, and to the world.

I am so blessed to be with you. I can't wait for all the amazing things God is gonna do!

Leigh



## Circle Up!

Dee Parker, Moderator  
Catherine Trawick, Vice Moderator

**IT'S A DOUBLE FEATURE!! WED NOVEMBER 2, 5:45 PM**

Parkway Women and the Christian Care & Welcome Team (who sponsors Wednesday Night Lites) have joined forces for an enjoyable and informative evening. The November Wednesday Night Lites and the PW's annual Thank Offering celebration will begin with good food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45, followed by an interesting program sponsored by Parkway PW which will conclude by 7:00 pm.

Parkway Women have invited Ben and Marty Tennille, the founders of **H. O. P. E. (Help Our People Eat)**, to share with us the wonderful work being done to feed hungry children in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. H.O.P.E. provides and delivers lunches for 1000 kids on Sunday's along with delivery of fresh produce for families in need. The organization also provides classes in gardening, budgeting and cooking to empower families to improve their own lives.

Founded in 2014, their program is proving to be very successful and is supported by many of the well-known locals businesses as well as a number of members of the faith community. There is a surprising variety of ways to help and we will hear all about those...some are so EASY and involve little time relative to the GOOD being accomplished. PW will provide a basket that evening for purely voluntary contributions, and after hearing what these folks accomplish you will likely want to help...for example, with \$1, H.O.P.E. can provide a balanced meal to a hungry child. H.O.P.E will be one of the local mission efforts our Parkway Women will be supporting during 2017.

Immediately following WNL, our Parkway Women will gather upstairs in the Seekers Sunday School classroom to celebrate our annual THANK OFFERING. We welcome participants in our Elizabeth, Deborah, Lydia, and Rebekah circles AND any guests - male or female - who would enjoy sharing in this time with us. The Thank Offering is an annual gift to Presbyterian Women USA for continuing mission work both in the US and abroad. Since 1989, the Thank Offering has given nearly \$25,000,000 in grants to more than 2000 programs and ministries that assist those struggling with illness, marginalization, and lack of access to education, services and resources. The grants provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and promote health to improve lives throughout the world. You may read about a few of the 2015 grants printed elsewhere in the *Herald*. This year's national goal is \$900,000.

We will also award the Honorary Life Membership to yet another Parkway woman who has excelled in her efforts to strengthen our organization as well as the entire Parkway community of faith.

**JOIN US!** Remember to sign up for WNL in the church narthex OR call the church office no later than October 31.

### **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

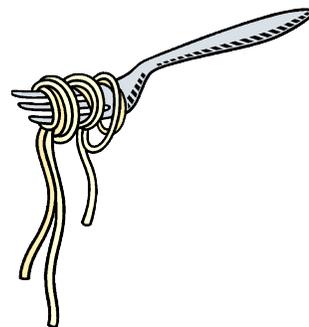
## Men of the Church Spaghetti Dinner, October 22, 2016

Way to go guys! Men of the Church Spaghetti dinner was a great success!

Total Receipts \$692.00

Net Expenses \$209.65

Net Receipts \$482.35



### Wednesday Nite Lites

Together **Wednesday Nite Lites** and **Parkway Presbyterian Women** are presenting the program on November 2nd at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guests and speakers will be Ben and Marty Tennille, cofounders of H.O.P.E. (HELP OUR PEOPLE EAT). After the program, committees will adjourn to their 7:00 meetings, Presbyterian Women will gather in the Seekers Classroom for their annual Thank Offering and business meeting, and all of us will be able to greet our new interim minister. So come and celebrate, participate, and learn.

Menu: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Dessert

Don't forget to sign up for the meal. Sign up sheet will be in the narthex the Sunday before.



## In the Shadow of Your Wings: A Sampling of How 2015 Thank Offering Gifts Are Being Used

In Feb 2016, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review **70** applications submitted for grants from the Thank Offering collected in 2015. **Twenty Two** of the applications were chosen for grants totaling **\$510,088**. **Fourteen** of the projects are ministries that serve people in need in the United States; **eight** of the projects are international. Over 40% of the funded projects are health ministries. Below are brief descriptions of a few of the US projects that were funded:

..."Family to Family Furniture Bank" - Marysville, OH - a bed project whose goal is that no one sleeps on the floor! Helps families who face hardship or emergency situations receive furniture to help them return to independent lives

...Exploit No More - Milwaukee, WI - dedicated to ending child sex trafficking in the Greater Milwaukee area through awareness, advocacy and aftercare for girls as young as 12 years, recovering from the sex trade in a residential treatment home known as RISE Restoration Center.

...The Gilead House Reentry Program - Kokomo IN - providing transitional housing and services to support incarcerated individuals who are re-entering society

...WINGS (Women in Need of God's Shelter) - Columbia, MS—medical initiative to provide safety for domestic violence victims & their children with emphasis on providing otherwise unaffordable medications to overcome the traumas experienced in domestic violence

...Elders Learning & Nurture Project - Florence AL - provides adult daycare by staff trained in Montessori-based dementia programming for frail and cognitively impaired elderly

...Miriam's House - Lynchburg VA - "Community First" is a new program in which homeless families are placed in rental housing while receiving case management and financial assistance to help keep them from becoming homeless again.

...Backpack Blessings Summer Feeding Program - New Bern, NC - provides family-friendly, nutritious foods for children in the New Bern area who are "food insecure" during the summer months when school is not in session and school meals are not available.

PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WOULD GRATEFULLY ACCEPT YOUR DONATION TO OUR THANK OFFERING.  
(Please make checks payable to Parkway PW)



### **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.

**November 1** - *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah

**December 6** - *The Further Adventures of Ebenezer Scrooge* by Charlie Lovett, who will be present to discuss his book.

**January 3, 2017** - *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks

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

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 *Katie Latta*
- 2 *Adelaide Lee*
- 3 *Mike Feiereisel*  
*Michael Absher*
- 4 *Zoe Kolischak*  
*Karla Hutcherson*  
*Jackson Willer*
- 5 *Wade MacManus*
- 10 *Christopher Kolischak*
- 11 *Christine Gendy*
- 13 *Dee Parker*  
*Richard Tatum*
- 16 *Mary Kolischak*
- 17 *Comfort Morton*
- 19 *Tammy Black*
- 21 *Lindsay Absher*  
*Karen Parke*
- 23 *Ruby Bailey*
- 24 *Page Hamby*  
*Bill Renfroe*
- 25 *Dr. Frances Pepper Jr*
- 26 *Loraine Stone*
- 28 *Jeanne MacManus*

**Food & Fellowship** will meet on November 15, at River Ridge Tap House (1480 River Ridge Dr. Clemmons, NC) 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](mailto:werlmweisz@triad.rr.com)

### **In Memory**

**Sarah Ann Southard**

**August 19, 1923 - October 16, 2016**

**General Fund YTD–thru 10-23-16**

**Received \$224,045.52**

**Budgeted \$227,041.23**

**Ahead/Behind (+/-) \$-2,995.71**

**Mortgage Balance thru October 2016**

**\$231,964.55**



# 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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