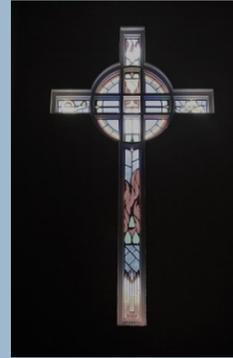


PARKWAY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Worship Schedule
Sundays at 10:00 am

July Sundays:

July 4 - Communion

**July 11 - Two Cents
A Meal**

July 18 - Servant

July 25 - Regular

Adult Sunday School
Sundays at 9:00 am
Room 251

The Parkway Herald

July 2021

Saints,

So... as we keep moving forward into strange waters churned up in the wake of Covid 19 there are so many parts in motion at different speeds.

*A message
from
Dr. Thom*



First, I think we need to state the obvious. This time has not just been a pause where all we do now is hit the restart button. So much has happened to all of us over this last year plus. We are tired and a bit shell shocked from the stress of the situation. So much of our collective anxiety has been channeled into anger and feelings of discontent that has unhealthily been channeled toward too much tribal gorging. In uncertain times, we naturally reach out and try to find some certainty.

Unfortunately, as we have seen, we mistake certainty for “what I already know to be true.” Low hanging media fruit is easy to pick and tastes real good... just like any comfort food that may momentarily satisfy our craving but is ultimately not the healthiest of choices.

I can't help but imagine Noah and family stepping off the ark. The children's version of the story has them step off and they all lived happily ever after. Genesis isn't that nice. When the story begins, Noah is “a righteous man, blameless in his generation.” God decides to destroy the earth because “the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.” The ark idea seems like a simple one. Save the righteous and blameless. Destroy the corrupt. Restart with the righteous and blameless and everything will all work out this time. Cue ark build. Bring on the flood. Recede the waters and here we go! Noah and family

step out of the ark. An altar gets built and sacrifices are made. God makes the rainbow covenant with Noah and his family. It's all going swimmingly until Noah makes some wine, drinks too much and passes out naked. He is found that way by his three sons. The two older sons make a point to look away from their father... avert their eyes from his nakedness as scripture likes to put it. The youngest son does not. He sees... let's call it... the whole ugly truth. Whether angry at himself... or just plain embarrassed... scripture often doesn't reveal emotional motivations... Noah curses his youngest son and plants the seed that will unravel the whole idea that the way to salvation is to destroy the corrupt while saving the righteous and blameless.

The flood plan of salvation doesn't work. Yet, we find ourselves going back to it again and again through different incarnations. Polarization and tribal gorging are just a variation on a theme of gathering together the righteous and blameless in order to destroy the corrupt.

“And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”

Welcome back.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Thom



**The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, July 5th.**



PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN - AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

Earth Care Tip: Cook from scratch and compost cooking scraps and foods that are not eaten: cooking from scratch is vastly superior to heating up prepared, boxed, canned or processed foods which are low on flavor and nutrition and high on carbon costs including packaging/solid waste. *This info is from North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light.*

Earth Care Pledge

Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

1. Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.
2. In **education**, we will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage and support each other in finding ways of keeping and healing the creation in response to God's call to earth-keeping, justice and community.
3. Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained and upgraded in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably the needs of all people. In our buildings and on our grounds we will use energy efficiently, conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so that God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.
4. Our **outreach** will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.

PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Dear Women of Parkway Presbyterian,

Giving thanks for vaccinations, Parkway Presbyterian Women are ready to roll again! The pandemic kept us apart for over a year, and we look forward to gathering again in circle groups and enjoying spending time together.

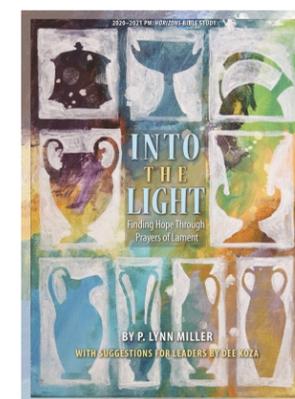
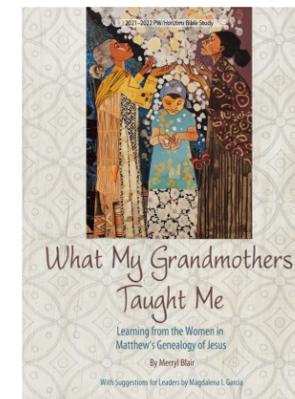
Presbyterian Women supports missions in our community, around the United States and the world through the national organization. For example, in the last decade, we've provided a back to school luncheon for the educators at Sherwood Elementary School; established a scholarship fund for Parkway college students; supported local non-profit groups providing food, shelter and support for people in need, and contributed to a variety of non-profit groups around the world.

If you haven't participated in Presbyterian Women events or circle gatherings before, we hope you'll consider joining this fall. Three Presbyterian Women circles meet during the day and one circle meets in the evening. Each circle chooses their book or Bible study for discussion at circle gatherings. This fall, several circles have chosen to read the 2021–2022 PW/Horizons Bible study What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus, by Merryl Blair. One circle will use the 2020–2021 PW/Horizons Bible study, Into the Light by P. Lynn Miller.

The Parkway Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, which provides planning and structure for our group, needs volunteers to help lead the organization as we move into the post-pandemic time. For more info, you can contact: Ellen Gustafson, Dianne Luce, Julie Coulter, Karen Parke, or Donna Skultety.

Best regards,
Ellen Gustafson
Moderator, Parkway Presbyterian Women
928-715-5360

P.S. If you would like to make a contribution for the Sherwood Elementary School Back to School lunch, please write a check payable to Parkway Presbyterian Women, with "Back to School Lunch" in the memo section.





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.

UPDATE FROM THE LOHMEYERS:

Thank you church family for your continuing support, cards, prayers and love. We are on the road to curing Bob's leukemia. As with any road, there are ups and downs, bends, potholes, and occasionally, a fork in the road ahead. Presently, Bob has been accepted for a clinical trial at Chapel Hill which shows promise for successful stem cell transplant in "elder" patients with his type of leukemia. (When did Bob and I become "elder"?) Time does fly. As we learn the next steps on this road, we will keep our church family informed.



MISSIONS UPDATE

For over a year, our ability to get involved in missions work has been significantly curtailed due to COVID. Now with the lessening of restrictions, we can again reach out to serve others in our community and beyond.

The Missions Committee is working on a number of projects. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. A few of them are highlighted here:

- **Monthly food donations for Crisis Control Ministry:**

Monthly food donations have historically been impressive, with Parkway often donating around 100 food items to meet the needs of our neighbors. During COVID, this dropped significantly. Please remember these needs when you shop and add the items to your weekly food purchases. For July the food item is peanut butter and jelly. Your help is greatly appreciated. Our collection bin is in the narthex outside the sanctuary.

- **Haiti Missions:**

We have no Haiti trips planned right now, however our concerns remain. We will continue to provide financial support to meet the needs of people in Haiti.

- **CROP Walk:**

Mark **Sunday, October 17th** on your calendar for this year's CROP walk. Your support is needed; you can walk with others from Parkway and/or provide financial support. We hope to get a team from Parkway with members and friends of all ages. Help us meet the hunger needs of our community through your participation in this annual activity.

- **One Church, One Child:**

Committee members are continuing their work with DSS to implement this pilot project.

- **Seasonal activities:**

Discussions about several seasonal activities, including the Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign, the Angel Tree for Latino Services, and the collection of hats and gloves for the Bethesda Center are already underway. We plan to continue these efforts to meet the needs of people in our community.

We are also working on plans to introduce a new initiative with GreeNest this fall. More information about this project and the opportunities for our membership to contribute their time and support will be shared later this summer.

We welcome new members to the Missions Committee. Your ideas and help are appreciated. Please consider joining this active group. Call or text me at 336 817-5825 or by email linda.childers16@gmail.com

Thanks

Linda Childers

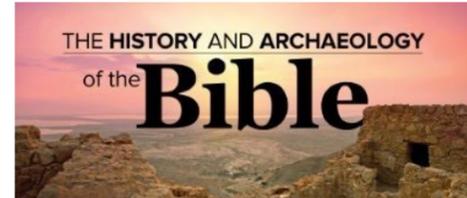
PARKWAY GARDEN

Our garden has produced 25 pounds of onions which we gave to Latino Community Services. Thanks to all for helping to put up our rain barrels. We are truly grateful for all our volunteers and looks like will have lots of produce to share this year.



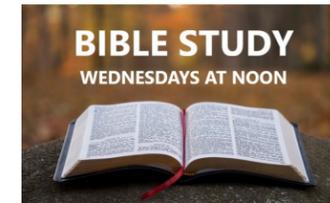
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join the adult Sunday School class on Sundays, at 9:00 am, in the Believers Class, Room 251, of the Administration Building. We are looking at "The History and Archaeology of the Bible". All adults are invited to be a part of the class.



MID-WEEK STUDY

We are back to the **in-person** Mid-week Study! Join us on Wednesdays at noon, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a light lunch after the study. We continue to study the Gospel of Luke.



PARKWAY WINSTON-SALEM DASH NIGHT

Tickets have been purchased for those that signed up.
You will be contacted with further details.

Hickory Crawdads vs. Winston-Salem Dash
Wednesday, July 7th, 7 pm



PARKWAY YOUTH**Tuesday nights are youth nights!**

For the summer, we are combining the middle and high school groups. We will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Meg Kelly, Parkway's Evangelist, will be leading the Youth groups. If you need to contact her, you can email her at megpk@gmail.com.

PARKWAY UPCOMING EVENTS**July 16th, 7:00 pm Family Movie Night**

TBD. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall and watch a movie together on the big screen! Snacks will be offered. Wear your PJs if you want. The whole family is invited!

July 23rd, Whitewater Rafting the Watauga River

We're heading up to Elizabethton, Tennessee to raft the Watauga River. This is a fun day trip that's fun for all ages. The Watauga rafting experience is pretty easy class I & II rapids, so nothing too intense for our first trip out. The goal is to book the 12:30 pm slot. It takes roughly 2.5 hours to get up there and another 2.5 to get back. We'll be rafting for the afternoon. Guaranteed to be a good time! \$60/ person. Please let Meg know if you'd like to join us. There will be an additional waiver to be filled out.

July 25th, Stream Clean-Up

Time to clean our stream again! We'll meet after church and drive over together or you can meet us there. Another great service project opportunity!

July 31st, Secret Adventure...

**So come have
some fun
with us!**

COLUMBARIUM MEMORIAL WALL FOUNTAIN

The Property Committee has worked hard to have a refill system for the Columbarium Memorial Wall Fountain.

A plumber worked on tying into the plumbing at the rear of the memorial wall and a trench was dug to bury the water line over to the wall hose bib.



A check valve was installed and they connected a “Y” splitter at the hose bib, attached the water timer to that and screwed on the line that the plumber installed. They adjusted the flow of the refill water device, so it will minimize the splash as the water comes out of the spout, and calculated how much water might be needed to put in each day. The timer is set to come on each night at midnight and run for 5 minutes. The fountain is set to come on around 8:00 am and shut off around 7:30 pm each day.

We hope you will come spend some time by the fountain and enjoy some time in contemplation.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



- July 4 Catherine Trawick
 Carson Hayes
- July 6 Debra Martin
- July 8 Larry Freeman
- July 11 Barbara Brennan
- July 12 Hervey Martin
- July 13 Linda Moore
- July 14 David Bickler
- July 17 Karl Uhlig
- July 20 Marti Lohmeyer
 Liz Weir
- July 22 David Gendy
- July 23 James Hill
- July 29 Charles Williams

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please share any upcoming church events, ministry news or updates. I encourage you to submit follow-up articles on events or projects and include photos as well.

Please submit your information for the August issue of the Parkway Herald by **Friday, July 23rd.**

Submissions may be emailed to church@parkwaypres.com or brought by the church office.



2021 GIFT OF THE MONTH

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| January Beef Stew | May Toilet Tissue | September Pasta |
| February Instant Potatoes | June Canned Meats (Salmon, Beef, Spam, Tuna) | October Applesauce (Please no glass jars) |
| March Instant Grits | July Peanut Butter & Jelly | November Sugar, Flour, Baking Items |
| April Instant Oatmeal | August Cooking Oil | December Saltine Crackers |

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