



from the Pastor

JEFF'S JOTTINGS

Hello Friends!

Hebrews 12:1 states, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..."

As I read that passage of scripture, I am reminded of the cloud of witnesses that surround us here at Parkwood. We are blessed by members and friends that worship together, play together and fellowship together. On just about any given day here in the life of the church you can see groups together worshipping, praying, meeting and having fun together. What a wonderful witness to what God is doing in this place. I hope you take the opportunity to share in some of these ministries.

It is our hope that all will become active in some way in the life of the church. We try to meet the needs of everyone with missions and ministries that we have. Of course, as I look down our membership list, I know that many are not taking advantage of these ministries or sharing in the worship experiences that are out there. I also know that there can be many reasons for lack of participation. Maybe you have a really busy schedule. Maybe you have been gone a long time and you think it can be difficult to get started again. Maybe you were hurt and are having a tough time healing. Whatever it is I would ask you to try it again. Set worship as a priority...God can give you strength, courage and hope. Come back if you have been away You have been missed. Join us as we work in this community and world for peace, justice and love.

I had a friend tell me the other day, that they NEED church on Sunday. It gives them the boost they need for the week. Why don't you come and check it out for yourselves. You might be amazed at what God might do!

God Bless,

Rev. Jeff

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OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Jeremiah 29:1: 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

The liturgical color remains green and the wooden sculptures remain those of Pentecost – the Burning Bush and the Trefoil with Descending. Dove,

DESSERTS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

October is Parkwood's month to provide desserts for Meals on Wheels. Cookies, brownies, and cupcakes are always appreciated, homemade or purchased. The only stipulation is no sticky frostings; firm frostings or crumble toppings are fine.

Diabetic desserts made with artificial sweeteners are especially needed and angel food cake is good for this also. A suggestion is to purchase angel food cake from Schwebels for those people who are diabetic, who account for approximately a quarter of people served.

The need is great and on going! Meals are served to approximately 60 clients each day, five days a week.

You may bring your donations marked "Meals on Wheels" to the Welcome Center either on Sundays or weekdays after 7:15 a.m. Thank you.

Rosanne Gallagher

FROM THE DEACONS

Personalized brick pavers can still be purchased for the prayer garden. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone. We now have a new supplier for the pavers and the cost has increased. The price for the smaller bricks is \$50 and \$75 for the larger ones. Order forms are available in the hall or through the church secretary.

SEMINARY INTERN

Laura Stone, this year's Seminary Intern, began her duties at Parkwood on Rally Day and has already given the children something to think about in her Children's Sermon on the last Sunday of September. Laura is a second year student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Before entering seminary she spent several years at Disney World in Florida.

Welcome, Laura. We all look forward to your time here at Parkwood

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

Did you know World Wide Communion Sunday began here in Pittsburgh in 1933 at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church during the ministry of Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr? It grew out of the Division of Stewardship of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in an attempt to bring churches together in a service of unity where everyone would receive both inspiration and information, and, above all, know how important the church was and how each church was tied to the other. Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Reverend Dr. Craig Kerr, remembers that "the concept spread very slowly. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was perhaps during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the efforts to hold it together in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Parkwood observes World Wide Communion on Sunday, October 4.

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING

In years past the last Sunday in October was designated as "Reformation Sunday," the liturgical color was red to commemorate the many martyrs, congregations joined in singing Luther's stirring hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, and ministers waxed eloquent on the great reformers of the church. Today there is not as much emphasis and yet sometimes it is good to remember those men who in times when dissent was not widely tolerated spoke publicly of their differences with the current teachings of the church: John Wycliffe in England, John Huss in Bohemia, Huldrych Zwingli in Switzerland, Martin Luther in Germany, John Calvin in France and Switzerland, John Knox in Scotland.

The days when Calvin and Knox were speaking and teaching lie four hundred years in the past, and yet, if we listen, we can hear them speaking still in our *Book of Order*, our *Book of Confessions*, and again each time we read the Bible for ourselves and pray in our own words directly to God.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rally Day was held Sunday, September 13. The Sunday School hour was a time of fellowship, snacks, a sing-a-long – thanks to Bryan Lassinger, Music Director – and games. The children also had an opportunity to meet their teachers and see their Sunday School rooms. We had a great time.

Sunday School classes began on September 20. The curriculum for the elementary age students this year is geared to be more like vacation bible school. The lessons have a "camping" theme and include activities and crafts for the children. We hope to actively engage the children in learning about God, the Bible, and our faith.

The preschool children under the direction of Phyllis Malone and her helpers are following a curriculum entitled *FaithWeavers* based on the Old Testament. Lessons over the course of thirteen weeks are grouped under four general topics: *Leaving Egypt, God and His People, Getting Ready for the Promised Land, and Going Into the Promised Land.*

Kindergarten and 1st grade children are taught by Anne Lassinger and Karen Rapp and Leslie Harrison teach second through fifth graders.

The Junior and Senior Highs, under Mike Barton's guidance, are following a study called *Walking Through the Bible*. The study looks at the Bible as one big story and helps and encourages the young people to see the connection between the familiar Bible stories as the story of the Hebrew people and their relationship to God unfolds.

Mary Beth Wilkins

For the Christian Education Committee

ADULT CLASSES

YAG Sunday School: The Young Adult Group meets the first and third Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hour. The first two months will be spent on discussions of Film and Faith. The second and fourth Sundays are set aside for a time of fellowship for the group.

Adult Bible Study: The class began its 2009-2010 year of study with general comments by Dr. Gowan on the Gospel According to John. This Gospel will be the subject of study during the better part of the fall. Under the expert guidance of Dr. Donald E. Gowan the reading of the Gospel According to John promises to be both intriguing and inspiring. The class meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church lounge and all are cordially invited to attend.

DEATH

September 3, 2009

Lee A. Donaldson, Jr.

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love....Amen

Book of Common Prayer 1977

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets for study and breakfast at 8 a.m. each Saturday morning. They are reading and discussing *Flags of Our Fathers*, by James Bradley. All men of the church are invited to come.

PRAYING AT PARKWOOD

Each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. parishioners gather in the Sanctuary for a half-hour of prayer led by Debbie Hagan. Each half-hour includes a hymn, scripture, silent prayer, prayer for those on Parkwood's weekly prayer list as well as for those attending, and prayer for the group designated for that day.

You are invited to come and join in this witness to the power of prayer. If you cannot come, pray at your home or office each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and be part of this corporate prayer.

In October the prayer service will include these groups :October 7, Families; October 14, Our Deacons and ministry; October 21, Our missions; October 28 Police and firefighters

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Just a few "notes" for October. Choir members are just getting back into the swing of things and rehearsals are going very well.

The Chancel Choir is working on a few challenging pieces including a lively Zulu piece that will be used as the introit throughout October: *We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light*. The Choir will sing Charles Gounod's *Sanctus* on Communion Sunday with Mike Haller as the tenor soloist. Rehearsals of Christmas music will begin in a few weeks.

On Sunday, October 17, 2009, the Parkwood Ringers will play. Three more bell ringers have joined the bell choir and the choir is now at full capacity for the music that will be played.

A special note to all parents of children attending Sunday School: Opening exercises begin at 9:30 a.m. The children will practice the Krystal Bells then and learn songs to be sung during morning worship. If we start on time, the children will be able to have their full Sunday School lesson.

Please note the following upcoming events:

Joseph M. Martin, Christian composer for Shawnee Press, will be at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. for a choral concert featuring his anthems. Area choirs have been asked to join in this event.

Dr. David A. Billings is sponsoring The Heinz Chapel Choir, under the direction of John Goldsmith, at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

May God bless you during this beautiful time of the year.

R. Bryan Lassinger
Music Director

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!!!!!

The temperature and the fall tree colors starting to appear mean that autumn is just around the corner and that Parkwood's dinner theater is coming soon. This year, as in the past, there will be a fabulously prepared and served four course meal by the Fellowship Committee and their able assistants as well as an awesome drama production by our own Wild Allisons. Although many prices have increased, Parkwood has been able to maintain the \$25 adult ticket price for the entire evening of fun, fellowship, food, and drama. The title of this year's production is *The Omelet Murder Case* by Tim Kelly. It is being presented by special arrangement with the Dramatists Play Service, Inc. in New York. At this time no one is disclosing what the drama is about, although there have been many questions asked.

This fun filled evening will take place in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2009. You can purchase your tickets Sunday mornings or during the week in the church office beginning October 4. Ticket sales will end November 1, 2009. Proceeds from the event will go to help purchase new chairs for Fellowship Hall. Babysitting will be available in the nursery that evening.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The Committee met September 14 and discussed ongoing maintenance, repair, and proposed improvements. Highlights include:

An area of the flat roof, not part of the sloping roof replaced in the building upgrade project, is leaking. The probable location of the leak was found and repairs will be made.

Ventilation of some of the restrooms has been a problem and repairs have been scheduled.

Quotes are being obtained for the snow removal contract, using the previous contract terms.

One of the ash trees will be cut down. It is suspected that the Ash Borer insect is the cause for the damage. The other ash trees will be watched for infection.

The need for additional volunteers for mowing and garden maintenance was discussed. Other churches spend considerable amounts on outside contracts, which may be necessary for Parkwood if volunteer help is insufficient.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, October 12. All are welcome to join us.

Pat Hare and Bob Scheib
for the Building & Grounds Committee

MISSION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Committee continues to encourage contributions to the Bread of Life Food Pantry. These are received the third Sunday of each month. Requests for October are: Boxed or packaged potatoes, rice, baked beans.

Members are also encouraged to take part in the Crop Walk for World Hunger which will take place on Sunday, October 18, 2009, either by walking or by sponsoring a walker with a monetary donation.

REMEMBER OCTOBER 17!

That's the day to make your way to the farm and enjoy a beautiful fall day (guaranteed) in the country. There are walks to take, fall colors to admire, games to play, and friends to visit. In addition to all this there will be much stirring to do – of the apple butter made under the supervision of Bryan Lassinger. Each family will have a pint jar of the special apple butter to take home to savor with breakfast toast or muffins some chilly winter morning. Watch for more details in the weekly bulletins



Parkwood youth

Youth Group Rocks!

We kicked this year off with a lock in! However the buzz has all been about youth group. New fun games, and interactive lessons have livened up our time at the church on Sunday nights! Between TP Basketball and gummy bears buried in Redi Whip it is a whole new experience!

**THE PARKWOOD YOUTH MINISTRY IS
GEARING UP FOR THE FALL!**

Fall is always a busy time of year. As a youth leader I have already been to a couple of football games and have gotten to see our youth in a variety of activities. We have lots of talented youth! It is always a lot of fun to see the youth doing things that they love.

The youth will be very busy in October. They will be participating in a work day with the Pittsburgh Project on Saturday,

October 3rd. They will also be working with the MACO committee on this years Crop Walk raising money for the hungry in our area. So some of the youth may be asking for sponsorship for this walk very soon.

We will also be holding youth group every week in the month of October! Lots of fun and learning to be had!




First Fundraiser of the Year!

In the upcoming weeks the Parkwood Youth Group will be ordering and selling Parkwood's new line of merchandise. With the creation of a new Parkwood logo by our membership committee. We have a whole new look! We will be selling t-shirts and long sleeve t-shirts. Both of these shirts will be decorated with the new logo! The price and final designs are still being put together.

John said, "I baptize with water."

Find and count how many.



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




What will Jesus baptize with?

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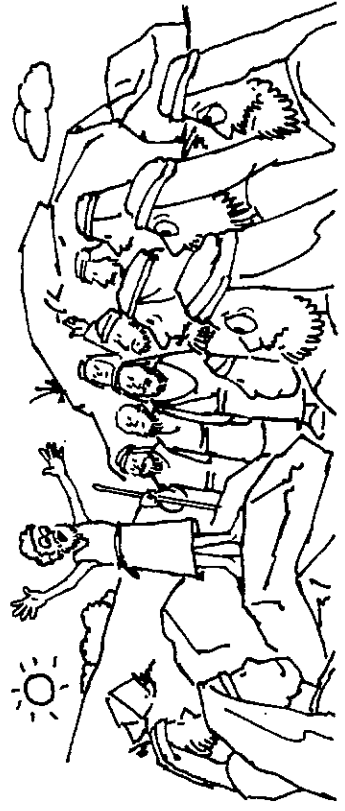
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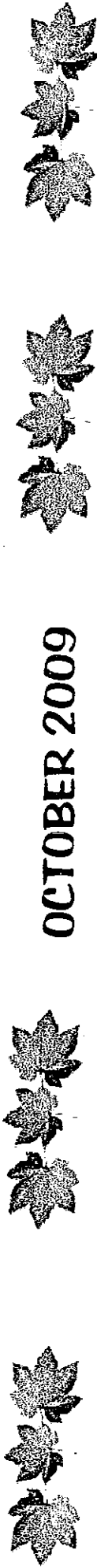
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OCTOBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 World Wide Communion MACO Following Worship Christian Ed. Committee Following Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Deacons - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Fellowship Committee 7:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Praying at Parkwood 9:30 am Play rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Back Pew 9:00 am Kings Restaurant Bell Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Flea Market - Calvert Church</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Membership Cmte 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 am New Members Class Following Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Worship & Music and Bldg & Grnds 7:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Stewardship & Finance Cmte 7:00 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Praying at Parkwood 9:30 am Play rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bell Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Indian Christian Fellowship 5:30 - 10:00</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am New Members Class Following Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Serendipity Circle 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Session Meeting 7:00 - Lounge</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Praying at Parkwood 9:30 am Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00 Play rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bell Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Falliday- Bear Creek Farm</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 New members received</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Praying at Parkwood 9:30 am Play rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bell Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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