



Pulse

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Parkway United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation within the United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally. In this spirit, we welcome all people, including those of every race, spiritual tradition, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression into the full life and ministry of the church.

Sundays in November

Sunday, November 6 All Saints Sunday: We will remember those who have died in the past year and lift up our sense of the cloud of witnesses living and dead. We will focus on the All Saints Day Bible passages of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and Revelation 7:9-17, receive the sounds of a string quartet, light candles in remembrance of loved ones, and pray for all the saints. We will also bless all the food items we receive the night before at the concert. **Please send by Thursday, November 3** the names of those who have died in the last year whom you would like to include in the bulletin listing.

Sunday, November 13: We focus on the story of the parable of the ten bridesmaids from Matthew 25:14-30. Divinity School intern Terry Parrish, Jr. will be our preacher for the day.

Sunday, November 20: We acknowledge *Reign of Christ Sunday*, the last Sunday of the church year, with focus on Matthew 25:31-46, the call to acknowledge those who are naked, sick, hungry, and thirsty as the Christ. Following worship there will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the 2012 proposed church budget in anticipation of the annual meeting on December 11. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal after budget discussion.

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent: We begin our expectant journey with the lighting of the first Advent candle, celebration of Holy Communion, and attention to the longing prophecy for God's presence in Isaiah 64:1-9.

Thanksgiving Service and Potluck

We will gather for a thanksgiving service and meal on **Tuesday, November 22, 5:30 p.m.** at the church. We invite you to come and bring a dish to share to complement the turkey that will be provided. We will share in a meal together and then have a brief intergenerational service at table after we eat.

Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class

The Adult Bible Study Class will continue its study of the scripture passage to be used during the worship service, always listed in the Thursday e-mail announcements. Exploring the text for the worship service is a great way to deepen appreciation for all aspects of the service. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. on the right-hand side of the Fellowship Hall, as you face the doors into the room. Anyone is welcome.

Parkway's Got Talent!

A Community Concert to Fight Hunger on Saturday, November 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (a light dessert will be provided by members of the Nurture Committee and served following the concert).

Admission: Non-perishable food items (donations will be given to the Shalom Project/Pantry - *The Shalom Project food pantry especially needs non-perishable staples such as pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, macaroni & cheese, and beans.*

Talented members of Parkway UCC will play various instruments and sing. This will be a lovely evening for the entire family, friends and neighbors. Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers to join us for this great evening. If you need a ride to this event, contact your neighborhood coordinator. Please support this evening of beautiful music performed by our very own talented members and lend your support to alleviate hunger in our community. Questions: contact Vicki Schwartz (608-4685) or vickis@triad.rr.com

Volunteers for the CHANGE Covenant Schools Neighborhood Walk

Saturday November 5, 9:00 – 1:00 The Covenant Schools Action Team is working to increase family and community engagement and to improve academic outcomes by organizing parents at two elementary schools. Teams of three will knock on the doors of parents at our two covenant schools, Petree Elementary and North Hills Elementary. Our purpose is to build relationships and invite parents to a house meeting. Teams will be trained before we walk. The training will occur at 9:00 a.m. and we will walk from 10:00 - 1:00. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For more information contact Ann McLain.

Stewardship & the Church Budget

Thank you for all those who have offered their stewardship commitments for the next year. If you did not have the opportunity to offer your stewardship pledge card yet, we are really hopeful that you can send it to the church office this week so that our Finance Committee can finalize our church budget for the year ahead.

We are also grateful for all those who hosted, facilitated and participated in the cottage meetings over these last weeks, building community and sharing their perspectives on the priorities of the church. There will be another opportunity to ask questions and discuss the 2012 proposed budget on **Sunday, November 20 following worship.**

December Special Events

Sunday, December 4 Advent Workshop: Parkway will hold an Advent workshop after worship to make ornaments for a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall, have snacks, and be attentive to the rituals of Advent.

Sunday, December 11 Annual meeting: We will have a congregational meeting at the conclusion of worship to elect our officers for the year ahead, approve the church budget, and hear a summary of insights gathered during our one-on-one relational meetings this fall.

WNC UCC Annual Meeting Update

On Saturday, October 1, the 44th Annual Meeting of the Western North Carolina Association of the United Church of Christ was held in the auditorium of the UCC-related Abernethy Laurels Retirement Community near Newton, NC. The meeting was well attended by the Association's lay delegates and clergy. Members of Parkway UCC who attended were Jerry and Gayle Moore and Fred Kurkowski. The theme was "Continuing to Imagine What's Possible". The gathering began with a service of worship, with Holy Communion. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Gail O'Day, the Dean and Professor of New Testament and Preaching at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. She is an ordained minister in the UCC, and a member of our sister congregation, Congregational UCC in Greensboro.

Reports were received from the Association's officers and committees, as well as organizations and facilities (such as Johns River Valley Camp) related to the Association. A major block of time was spent reviewing the initial draft of a report from the special committee which is considering the restructuring of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. At the Annual Meeting of the Conference in Portsmouth, VA last May, eight "action groups" were authorized, with the task of reshaping and revitalizing the Conference's mission, staffing, finances, structure, and more. The restructuring group brought the first draft of their report to each of the three Associations in October to obtain feedback - and they got plenty of good reaction from the Western Association. (For your information, I'm on the action group which is considering revisions of the Vision and Mission Statements of the Conference.)

As the meeting drew to an end in mid-afternoon, we adopted the Association's budget, elected officers and committees and thanked those who have served the Association well in the past. I was pleased to see that Craig Schaub was elected to a two-year term on the Association's Church and Ministry Commission.

Fred Kurkowski

November Birthdays

Sarah Rider	November 1
Alex Davis	November 3
Phillippe DeLosSantos	November 5
Hannah Elizabeth Huesman	November 9
Susan Dyer	November 12
Grace June Ping Nicklas-Morris	November 14
Margaret Scruggs	November 14
Nan Parrish	November 17
Allison Brandy	November 18
Ben Kirkland	November 24
Jeremy Donohue	November 29
Tyler Hall	November 29
Paul Marshall	November 29
Wilma Lowry	November 30



Welcome New Members

Sarah Lu Bradley, Lisa Irwin and Carol Penick joined Parkway UCC on October 23.

Sarah Lu Bradley retired as Director of Counseling at UNCSA in the summer of 2002, and moved to Dillingham, Alaska to be with her partner, EJ Essic. There she worked at SAFE, the women's shelter for the region, and counseled women with drug, alcohol and domestic violence issues. After 8 years in Alaska, they moved to Lewisville in November 2010. They have two dogs that make them laugh. Sarah Lu plays flute in the Winston-Salem Community Band, and is enjoying being close to family.

Lisa Irwin was born in Toledo, Ohio and raised in the Episcopal Church. She moved to Richmond, Virginia in 1987 to work as a chef and caterer; she also worked in the contracted food service industry. She worked for 14 years at a residential treatment facility for at-risk youth. While a member of a Lutheran church in the Richmond area she focused on social ministry outreach opportunities. She moved to Winston-Salem to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at WFU. Lisa's interests include cooking, photography, kayaking, hiking and community gardening.

Carol Penick and her husband, Harold, moved to Winston-Salem in 1998 to work at Pastoral Counseling at Baptist Hospital. Five years ago she established a private counseling practice. In 2010 they bought a farm near Ken Vanhoy and Laura Frazier, and are creating a goat dairy. Carol enjoys adding melody to ancient poems.

Fall Photos on Facebook and Website

Take a look at our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ParkwayUCCWinstonSalem) and the website (www.parkwayunited.org/Photo Gallery.htm) for the latest pictures from activities this fall. Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Retreat, Habitat Women's Build, Buddy Walk, Pride Festival and Parade, Children's Sabbath, CROP Hunger Walk, and Neighborhood Garden Party!

In Preparation for the Advent Season – The Nurture Committee would like to invite the congregation to think about Advent traditions in their families. Do you display an Advent wreath? Do you light the candles every night or once a week? There are many creative ways to design Advent wreaths and celebrate Advent. Would you share yours? We would like to have a variety of Advent wreaths in the narthex and the kitchen/coffee area November 6, 13 and 20. (You may take your wreath home on November 20.) *Advent Candle Ceremonies for the Home* handout and additional Advent resources for families will be available at the displays. If you would like to offer your Advent wreath for the display, please contact Janice Nelligan, 778-0086 or padres80@gmail.com.

Missions

Green Group

Parkway's new composter is up and cooking! Thanks to the Green Group, we have a rotating compost barrel located near the dumpster. The fruit and vegetable matter in the compost bucket near the kitchen should be emptied into the barrel when the trash is taken to the dumpster. Currently we are using plastic garbage bags to line the bucket. After the compostable matter is dumped into the compost bin, the plastic bag should be added to the garbage bag which is tossed into the dumpster. We are looking for a source of compostable liners, but for the time being we hope all those assisting with kitchen clean-up will make the effort to separate our compostable waste from garbage. Check the list of compostables and non-compostables in the kitchen by the green recycling bins. Thanks for helping Parkway's efforts to become more "green".

Gifts of the Month (bins in narthex)

Crisis Control Ministry – spaghetti sauce, juice, laundry detergent

Shepherd Center – books and knitting supplies

Parkway Reads

Parkway friends, it is time for another posting of what you are reading or what you feel would please (excite, calm, inspire) your Parkway colleagues. As always, I will tabulate them anonymously and distribute it electronically ... so everyone can get these on their library waiting list or add to their Christmas wish list. Thanks in advance! Bill Donohue - bdonohue@triad.rr.com

Thank You

We were pleased at the work on our property that was accomplished on the work day, Saturday October 8. Thank you to all who were able to help out. Some of the things done that day...many dozens of bulbs were planted for spring bloom. We also planted the beautiful pink azalea that was sent from the Syracuse church to honor the Schaub family. Over the summer it was tended to by Chris McFadden for a proper planting this fall. A great amount of trimming and cleaning was also done. Vines were removed and paths raked. Pat Van Cleve even managed to remove some ivy that was choking our old growth trees. Thank you again for all of your help!

The Garden Committee

P.S. If you missed this workday, another is scheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 – 12:00!

Othella's Retirement Sale

On Saturday, Nov. 5 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7, from 2-8 p.m., and Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Othella Johnson, founder and director of the Creative Learning Center for Very Young Children, will be having a sale of lots of educational games, toys, outdoor equipment, kitchen sets, some furniture, puzzles, the list goes on..! Come check out different things for home, maybe even for the holidays. Parents are children's first teachers and are early educators for sure! Please, no children. Seeing so many fun things out to explore would be too tempting! Parkway UCC has many alumni of the Creative Learning Center.

Upcoming Community Events

Volunteers Needed for Community Event

The Triad City Stage needs 3 ushers for the matinee performance of Annie on Nov 20. If you would like to usher and see this delightful performance, please contact Ana Tampanna, 336-768-9992 or ana@TheConnectingForce.com.

Sarah Siskind & The Novel Tellers

(Art & Music Release Tour)

Sunday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Community Arts Café, 411 West Fourth Street

Tickets – \$12.00

Sarah Siskind (formerly Sarah Wingate) grew up in Winston-Salem and attended Parkway UCC until moving away at age 18. She is a professional singer-songwriter and lives in Nashville, TN. It will also be an art/jewelry show. Sarah is part of a trio and would like to invite everyone to come to the show.

Candle Tea and Craft/Bake Sale

Come and share the joy, the sights, and the sound of a traditional Moravian Christmas
"Remembering What Our Fathers Told"

Thursday, December 1

Ardmore Moravian Church, corner of Hawthorne & Academy St

Candle Tea Tours every 15 minutes

First Tour begins at 5:00 p.m.

Last Tour begins at 8:00 p.m.

Moravian Craft Demonstrations – Putz

No Admission Fee

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Nurture, 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Personnel, 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Teacher Check-In 9:30 a.m. Neighborhood Covenant Schools Walk, 9:00-1:00 Parkways Got Talent Concert, 7:00 p.m.
6 All Saint's Sunday Youth Meeting after worship	7	8	9 Council, 7:00 p.m.	10 Pastoral Relations, 6:00 p.m. Worship, 7:15 p.m. Env. Movie, 7:00 Temple Emmanuel	11	12 Thai Chi Workshop, 9:00 - 4:30, Fellowship Hall
13 Finance, 5:00 p.m.	14	15	16 Missions, 6:00 p.m.	17 Interfaith Voice, 6:30 p.m.	18 Green Group Jr., 6:30	19
20 Budget Information meeting after worship Pageant rehearsal after Budget meeting	21	22 Thanksgiving Potluck and Service, 5:30 p.m.	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving  Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 Set up Creche
27 1 st Sunday in Advent  <i>Advent</i> No Potluck	28	29	30	Notes: Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Quilters meet every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.		