

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Strawberry Festival, May 30 4-8pm.
- Homeless Dinner in East Liberty—June 1st
- Produce to People July 18
- VBS July 27-31
- Parkwood Flea Market August 28-29

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Parkwood News

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Parkwood News Moves to New Format

The Parkwood News has moved into a new format beginning this month. But, before we move it is only right to pause a moment to give thanks. Mary Weber has been the editor of the Parkwood News for about 40 years. We can not say "thank you" enough for the time, energy and passion she has placed into each addition of the Parkwood News. Along with the monthly group that prepared and assembled this publication, we are beyond grateful. The Parkwood News has been a source of information and updates for generations of faithful

Parkwood members and families!

It is our prayer that this new



Thanks to Mary Weber for 40+ years as Parkwood News Editor!

format will be as successful and as useful as it has been for so many years.

Instead of mailing the News,

it will be emailed for quick access and hard copies will be available at the Welcome Center Desk for those wishing to read it that way.

Summer Schedule Full at Parkwood

The weather is heating up and thoughts are moving towards the beginning of the summer.

Things won't be slowing down at Parkwood as there are many exciting things happening this summer. The Strawberry Festival is May 30th which is always a wonderful time to come together

as church and community. Vacation Bible School will be at the end of July with many amazing things happening in between.

We hope that you will join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM, mission opportunities all summer long and fun opportunities to get together.

Check out many of those activities in the pages following and on our website!



New Members Welcomed



**The Dubee Family
on New Member
Sunday**

On Sunday, May 3rd Parkwood welcomed 7 new members into our church family.

- Gretchen Bennett
- Kevin and Lisa Dubee along with son Justin and daughter Kaitlyn.
- Nancy Duss
- Christie Haggerty and daughter Grace.
- Nancy Lyons

• Kayla Noel and daughter Jordan
We, in good Presbyterian fashion, had a fellowship time following morning worship where we got to meet the new members with cake and punch.

We look forward to them joining Parkwood in our mission and ministry. We hope everyone will take some time to

get to know them. Invite them to join you on a mission project or fellowship activity happening in the life of the church!



*Why not invite
your neighbors,
relatives and
friends to join us
for a week of fun
and drawing closer
to God?*

Vacation Bible School set for July

The Vacation Bible School Team is hard at work to make this year's VBS the best one yet! Our theme is Camp Discovery and will be held July 27-31st here at the church. Registration is now open for all children Preschool (potty trained) through 5th grade.

In addition, we will once again be doing VBS + for 6th—8th graders. VBS + will be heading out to mission sites in the Pittsburgh area to get an idea of “being the church” in the community. They will also travel to Crestfield one day for a fun day of activities!

You can sign up through our website or by contacting the church office at 412-486-9220. Registration is \$15 per child with a \$40 maximum per family. Scholarships are also available!

Why not invite your neighbors, relatives and friends to join us for a week of fun and drawing closer to God?

Parkwood Honored with Volunteer Award



Ron, Rich and Sally representing Parkwood at the Mars Gala.

On Saturday, May 2 at the Cranberry Marriott North Parkwood received the 1st Annual Jane Fox Award for Volunteerism from the Mars Home for Youth.

The award was named for Jane Fox who dedicated over 40 years of service to MHY.

Members of the Mars Youth Home Team from Parkwood attended the Gala and Rev. Jeff accepted the award on behalf of the church.

“We accept this award with great humility understanding that we do not serve for recognition, but because we feel

called by God...we pray that our service has touched the lives of the children, because we know it has touched the lives of the volunteers and the whole Parkwood community”.

Nepal Earthquake Response



**Nepal in
aftermath
of devas-
tating
earthquake**

On April 25th a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal about 48 miles from Kathmandu. That quake killed over 8,000 people and cause

billions of dollars of damage. On May 12th at second earthquake hit with a 7.3 magnitude. The loss of life, economic and emotional toll is unimaginable. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already beginning its relief effort and Parkwood is also

responding to this tragedy. The Mission Committee has encouraged the church to prayerfully consider a financial contribution to help in the relief effort and has committed to match the donations up to \$500. If you would like to donate, please send your donations marked "Nepal" to the church office or place them in the offering plate.

*For I was hungry,
and you gave Me
something to eat; I
was thirsty, and
you gave Me
something to drink;
I was a stranger,
and you invited Me
in; naked, and you
clothed Me; I was
sick, and you
visited Me; I was in
prison, and you
came to Me.'...
Matthew 25: 35-36*

Opportunities to Feed the Hungry

Parkwood is passionate about feeding the hungry in our community. There are many ways in which you can participate in helping us stomp out hunger this summer.

- Bring in an item or two to help fill the Bread of Life Food Pantry shelves.

- Help prepare or serve a meal to the homeless at the East End Cooperative Ministry on June 1st or August 3rd.
- Join us for Produce to People where we will be distributing 2 tons of food to the hungry on the Northside of Pitts-

burgh on July 18th.

We pray you will consider helping us out in this essential ministry endeavor. For more information contact the church office, one of the pastors or the Mission Committee.

Mars Home for Youth

The Mars Youth Home Team is hard at work sharing in ministry at the Mars Home for Youth. Every other month the Team travels to the campus to have a "Game Night" filled with fun and fellowship. It has been successful and well received by residents and staff. We are always looking for others to

join the team. If we gather enough interest we could do this meaningful activity every month!

Thank you for your generosity in providing gift cards for youth. We were able to provide \$575 for needed supplies such as tennis shoes!

We are also planning our annual Field Day at MHY on Saturday, August 15th. 20-25 volunteers will be needed to make this a success. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Rich Wheland at whelandrich@gmail.com



Strawberry Festival - May 30



Kids having fun at the Strawberry Festival on the inflatables!

On Saturday, May 30 from 4:00 pm—8:00 pm Parkwood will be having its Annual Strawberry Festival. It will be a day filled with lots of fun and fellowship for the entire community. The fun will include inflatables and bouncy houses, horse rides, hayrides and face painting.

The food will consist of ham barbeque, chicken salad, hot dogs, haluski,

salads of all types and who can forget the AMAZING strawberries!

Great prizes will be available as well in our famous Chinese Auction Baskets and our 50/50 raffle.

We will also have a mission fair again this year that will give the community an idea of some of the agencies we support and other ways to get connected to a worth-

while project!

Bring the whole family and invite your neighborhood!



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Flea Market Scheduled —Aug 28-29

Our Annual Flea Market has been scheduled for August 28-29. This event is the largest fundraiser the church does during the year. Because of your generosity and hard work we raised almost \$4,000 last year which helped us continue

our mission and ministry in the community.

We are collecting donations NOW. You can bring your “treasures” and place them into the garage in the back of the church. It would be a huge help if you priced your donations before

you drop them off.

And spread the word to your friends and neighbors!



Worship at the Winery 1st Wednesdays

Join us at the beautiful Narcisi Winery for prayer and fellowship this summer!



Praying at Parkwood is a devoted group of men and women who gather every Wednesday morning to be in prayer for our

church, community, mission partners and the world.

This group moves every summer to Narcisi Winery on Route 910 to pray together in the great outdoors. We in-

vite you to join us the 1st Wednesday of every month at 10:15 AM at Narcisi's. All are invited.!

PC (USA) Stated Clerk releases statement on Same Sex Marriage



Sisters and Brothers in Christ, It appears from unofficial voting tallies that amendment 14-F of the Directory for Worship in the Book of Order has been approved by a majority of the presbyteries. The approval allows Teaching Elders wider discretion in whose weddings they may conduct and Sessions wider discretion in whose wed-

dings it may host. That discretion could include same gender marriages in states where that is permitted.

It is important to note that the determination of what couple a Teaching Elder will marry has and will continue to be with that Teaching Elder. Likewise, the determination by a Session as to whose weddings a congregation will host remains solely with the Session. There is nothing in the amendment to compel any Teaching Elder to conduct a wedding against his or her judgment, nor a Session to host one against its judgment.

The Book of Order in F-3.0105 encourages us to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other when we differ. That forbearance should show itself in respect and genuine care for each other. As a church the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has received much grace from God in Jesus Christ. We should extend that grace to each other in all gentleness as we live into this chapter of our common life.

—Rev. Grady Parsons

State Clerk, PCUSA

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What Does This Change in the Book of Order Mean for Parkwood?

As you read above, the Book of Order has amended its directory for worship to state that marriage is “between two people (traditionally a man and a woman)”. This amendment now gives Teaching Elders (Pastors) in states where it is legal the ability to do same gender marriages. It also give churches the right to

use their building for same gender marriages. Neither the pastor, nor the church is obligated to do such weddings if they feel it is contrary to their understanding of scripture.

The session has thoughtfully and prayerfully discussed this change. They have taken no action on whether the build-

ing could be used. Rev. Potter has stated that he would not perform a marriage of a same sex couple.

Please feel free to talk to the pastors or members of session if you have questions regarding Book of Order changes.

June 2015

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Serve Homeless
Dinner at EECM
6:00pm
Deacon Mission
Night at HEARTH

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WORSHIP AT
THE WINERY
10:15 am

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Back Pew—King's
Restaurant 9:00am

Choir 7:00 PM

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Graduate Recogni-
tion Sunday
COMMUNION

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Building &
Grounds 7:00
Worship/Music
7:00

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Praying at Park-
wood 9:30 am

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Choir 7:00 PM

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ICF—5:30-9:00

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Session 7:00 PM

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Praying at Park-
wood 9:30 am

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FATHER'S DAY

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Praying at Park-
wood 9:30 am

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Sisler/Gillum Wed-
ding Rehearsal 5:30

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Sisler/Gillum Wed-
ding 4:30 PM

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July 2015

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THE WINERY
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Praying at Park-
wood 9:30 am

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PRODUCE TO
PEOPLE—North
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8:00 AM—Noon

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Praying at Park-
wood 9:30 am

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VBS 9:00-Noon

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VBS 9:00-Noon

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VBS 9:00-Noon

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VBS 9:00-Noon

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VBS 9:00-Noon

Praying at Park-
wood 9:30 am

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Parkwood Church is committed to being the church in the community. We love God. We love each other. Our prayer is to be a beacon of God's light into a hurting world, to use our gifts and talents to bring the hope and love of Jesus to our neighbors. If you would like to find more information on how you can join us please contact:

Rev. Jeff Potter—revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org

Or

Rev. Barb Kennedy—givetothepoor@hotmail.com

Love God, Love Others, Serve Both

Update on the Youth and Associate Pastor Staffing

Thank you all for your sharing your thoughts through the online survey, phone calls and meetings. Your passion and love for our youth and this ministry is apparent.

The Personnel Committee and Session is working on where the church needs to move regarding Youth leadership and what the role of the Associate Pastor will look like moving forward. The session has committed to have a plan finalized in the next month so we can have clear direction as we move into the new school year.

Please continue to pray for direction and vision as your elected leaders weigh these options.

A congregational gathering will be scheduled to keep everyone updated on our progress!



Youth Sunday School Class