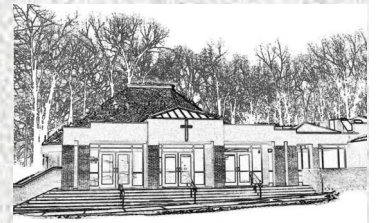


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fully involved in God's Kingdom work



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BETHLEHEM WALK 2013

"Go Not Alone to the Bethlehem Town Meeting"

You won't find that command in the Gospel According to Matthew. But it's a modern day plea to all Parkwoodians to reach out and bring someone...a friend, a neighbor, a work colleague, or other acquaintance... to join the cast and crew who faithfully assemble our popular Bethlehem Walk annual celebration.

On Sunday, October 6 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM, we'll kick off the spectacle with the Town Hall Meeting and Feast*, share details of the preparations, pick up materials, explore new ideas and announce volunteer assignments.

If "each one, brings one," it'll be a lot more fun. Remember "many hands make light work."

But more importantly, consider that a simple invitation to someone not involved in the Bethlehem Walk event could result in a soul saved. That alone is worth the effort of reaching out.

As we prepare to observe Christianity's Great Event (only 95 days to Christmas as someone we know reminds unceasingly...), let's give thanks for all our blessings and take advantage of this opportunity to continue fulfilling our Great Commission.

Reach out to someone today! Make the Bethlehem Town Meeting a life-changing experience. For more information, contact Mary Hill at marytoohill@yahoo.com.

**Lunch sign-up required. Neither sheep nor goats will be on the menu.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

BETHLEHEM WALK 2013

DECEMBER 14-15



MEET OUR

Johnnie Lawton is a professional chef with more than 20 years of experience in the restaurant and catering business. First influenced by the southern cooking of his mother and grandmothers, he enjoyed cooking at home and to finance his college education. After working as an accountant, he discovered he missed the kitchen too much and has worked full time in the food industry since.

While training at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, Johnnie worked behind the scenes at PBS cooking shows such as "Cooking at the Academy" and "Yan Can Cook" and was awarded several honors such as "Best Tasting in Show" by the Livermore Valley Wine Association at their annual food and wine pairing event. Following graduation from the CCA, Johnnie worked as Pastry Chef and then Sous Chef at Chez TJ's, a well-known restaurant on the SF peninsula.

Johnnie returned to the East Coast to work at the Inn at Little Washington and later worked at Vidalia, in Washington, DC. He was Executive Chef at Mango Mike's, a favorite local Caribbean restaurant, when it first opened. In order to spend more time with his young family, Johnnie opened Movable Feast Catering in 2001, where he teaches classes, provides personal chef services and caters to small to mid-sized non-profit organizations. He is excited to spend Wednesday nights at Parkwood Baptist.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RETURN!

One of Parkwood's favorite traditions, Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners, resumed on September 11. Please remember to sign up by NOON on Mondays. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:15 PM. The prices remain the same - \$5 for each adult meal, and \$3 for each kid's meal.

To be good stewards, limited carry-out will be available to those taking dinner to people who are sick or otherwise homebound.





Children's Ministry

M Group

What is M Group and who can attend? M Group (the "M" stands for missions) is our Wednesday night children's activities for ages Preschool (must be 4 by 9/30/13) – 6th grade.

M Group is divided into two classes: Pre-K – Kindergarten and 1st – 6th grade. Both classes use the Teamkid curriculum, a discipleship study that encourages kids to step up and do what is right in all parts of their lives. They study the great stories and people in the Bible to learn about issues ranging from the courage to make the right choices, admit when they are wrong, and follow God's leadership. Teamkids' club verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 ~ "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

The younger class, led by Lori West and Mary Hill, meets in Room B-109 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. During this time they also enjoy music by learning songs, playing instruments, learning about rhythm, and discovering that we can praise God in many different ways.

The older class is led by Jennifer Heiserman, Shirley Readyhough and Elizabeth Gibson. This class meets for Teamkid in Room C-119 from 6:00 to 6:45 PM. At 6:45 the children go to Room A-100 for Music Makers, which runs until 7:30 PM, and is taught by George Scutt, Jennifer Heiserman and Shirley Readyhough. Music Makers is designed to help young voices learn to sing and develop an understanding of basic music.

Things to remember:

Drop off for PreK-Kindergarten	Room B-109 at 6:00 PM
Pick up for PreK-Kindergarten	Room B-109 at 7:30 PM
Drop off for 1 st – 6 th Grade	Room C-119 at 6:00 PM
Pick up for 1 st – 6 th Grade	Room A-100 at 7:30 PM

Parkwood wee center

The WEE Center is off to a wonderful start! The teachers were overcome with the outpouring of blessings and support at the teacher commissioning, and happily greeted their new classes on the first day of school. They are already impacting the lives of their students. It is a gift to be a teacher at Parkwood!

We currently have 100 students enrolled and still have space for more. If you know of any 16 month - 5 year olds who would like to learn about God's love and the world around them, we have space in our program!

If you participated in our Claire's Gourmet fundraiser, your items will be delivered to church on October 23rd. Please plan to pick them up during the Wednesday Night Dinner hour. Thank you for your support!

Ann Lipton, WEE Center Director

Nursery is available for babies and toddlers (3 years old and younger) who have parents/grandparents attending Wednesday night activities. The nursery is in Room B-112 and is led by Bernice Maynard and Teresa Watson. Childcare is available until 8:30 PM for those who are participating in choir.

Sunday School

The year is going strong and we are already having loads of fun! Our new class of two and three-year-olds are having a blast learning about how much Jesus loves them! If you have a special love for teaching and guiding God's precious children and would be willing to assist in a classroom or work at the security desk, please contact Jenn Heiserman.

Funtastic Friday: November 15th, 5:30-7:30 PM

Yes, you know it: Funtastic Friday is approaching quickly! Make sure you reserve a seat for your family, friends, neighbors and yourself for another fun-filled evening of food, fellowship and magician Wes Iseli!

This year Wes will be doing Gospel magic along with an illusion just for Parkwood! Don't forget to register on Parkwood's website, by calling the front office, or by emailing Jenn Heiserman. RSVP by November 11th!

You do not want to miss this event; it is going to be FUNTASTIC!

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

Jenn Heiserman
Director of Children's Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hey Parkwood, this month we will be having our A-Maizing Festival of Fall on October 25th! We will be traveling down to Belvedere Plantation where we will work our way through a corn maze, and have s'mores over a bonfire! Please email me at Reedb@parkwood.org or call the church office to sign up. The trip will cost \$25 dollars and a deposit of \$10 will be due October 10th.

The cost also includes a bag dinner. Sign up today!

Reed



Zakkariah Del Niro	10/3
Rebekah Ortiz	10/12
Michael Regling	10/14
Ciara Rivera-Almanza	10/14
Matteo Trimillos	10/14
Nicole Trimillos	10/14
Ryan Hernandez	10/22
Gage Heiserman	10/23
Amanda Harris	10/26
Emmanuel Nelson	10/26
Chloe Stanton	10/29



- Canned Meat
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Canned Beef Stew
- Tuna
- Canned Milk
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Breakfast Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Instant Potatoes
- Spaghetti Sauces
- Pasta
- Soup
- Mac and Cheese
- Boxed Juice
- Juice/Drinks
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Infant Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Condensed Milk

From The Deacons

Deacon Nominations are in! We will start talking and praying with our nominees about serving as a Deacon for the next three years. If you have been nominated, we urge you to prayerfully consider this service to our Lord. If you have questions, talk with other Deacons (past and present) about this vitally important role in the life of Parkwood.

Deacons are servants of the Lord; we are the "hands and feet" of the Church. We have a very active prayer ministry for our members and our communities; help with Baptisms; serve the Lord's Supper; visit the sick; greet and talk with visitors; help keep the Pastors updated on members needs; and pray for our Pastors, staff and members constantly.

Again, this is a very important time in the life of Parkwood. We request that ALL members be in prayer for this process.

Doris Richburg, Deacon Chair

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Ricardo & Amanda Trimillos
and Family



**Christian Yoga
Fall Session**

September 30 - December 12

For information and registration, please visit
www.parkwood.org



**PrimeTimers' Luncheon
October 21 at 11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall**

If you are 50+, we would love to have you join us! Please contact Virginia Sandidge at 703.323.7537 or vsandidge@aol.com for more information.



UPCOMING PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Women's Ministry - October 12, 9-11 AM

Men's Ministry - October 26, 7 AM

Stewardship Report

Budget Needs thru Aug 2013	\$ 696,163
Budget Received	\$ 583,846
Budget Expended	\$ 573,136
Difference	\$ 10,710
2013 Building funds received thru Aug 2013	\$ 23,120



A fellow disciple on the Way...

The Sufficiency of Christ for Salvation

"For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead" (Colossians 2:9-12 NRSV)

We have all *tried*—and keep *trying*—to live the Christian life by carefully *doing* all that is expected of a follower of Jesus Christ. We have tried and desire to have a stronger relationship with God: we pray more, study more to gain biblical knowledge and personal discipline, share more, serve more, give more, and go more, only to find out that our lives are still empty, unfulfilled, and frustrated. Can you identify with this lack of spiritual renewal and growth in your Christian life despite your good intentions and efforts? How do we get out of this rut?

The believers at Colossae were grounded in the Gospel; they were growing and living the Christian life (1:5-6, 23). Their maturity was demonstrated by their faith in Christ and their love for all the saints (1:4). However, false teachers had infiltrated the church teaching that belief in Christ was not enough. They insisted that salvation required Christ plus circumcision, plus a kosher diet, plus observance of feasts and festivals (2:11-15).

Paul responded to this threat to the Colossians by asserting that Christ is all the believer needs. God has provided the believer with every spiritual blessing through Christ: *God has circumcised the believer's heart through Christ; God has resurrected and forgiven the believer through Christ; and God has conquered the believer's enemies through Christ.* Paul offers the believer a way out of the desperate human situation of self-reliance with the refreshing and liberating truth that Christianity is not about *doing* things for God; it is about *being* with God and accepting His gift of grace through Christ (Eph 2:8). When we are with God, in intimate relationship and fellowship, God lives His life in and through us.

If you're tired of performance-based religion, if you are overwhelmed by fruitless, religious routines, then Paul invites and encourages you to focus on the sufficiency of Christ for salvation.

Pastor Daniel

Birthdays This Month

- 10/1 Bessy Alvarez
- 10/1 Cathy Lewis
- 10/1 Barbara Lidell
- 10/2 Chongkin Chin
- 10/3 Chris Mendoza
- 10/6 Justin Hamacher
- 10/6 Kelly Morgan
- 10/6 Daniel Rosales
- 10/6 Shauntel Sibley
- 10/8 Cindy Ogren
- 10/8 Bettye Stokes
- 10/9 Jess Herrera
- 10/9 Andy Phillips
- 10/10 Chris Maley
- 10/11 Fredy Alvarado
- 10/12 Ben Sibley
- 10/13 Pamela Caswell
- 10/13 Harold Lyon
- 10/14 Linda Camacho
- 10/14 Geno Candreas
- 10/14 Glenn Lindsay
- 10/15 Helen Knight
- 10/16 Allison Weaver
- 10/17 Betty Alexander
- 10/17 Betty Gillen
- 10/18 Daniel Wingerd
- 10/19 Mike Bailes
- 10/19 Will Bradley
- 10/19 Matthew Tirre
- 10/20 Alison Robinson
- 10/21 Vivian Blevins
- 10/21 Myong Brown
- 10/23 Jay Hanline
- 10/24 Laura Duvall
- 10/24 Alvin Smith
- 10/25 Rick Anderson
- 10/25 Alba Gonzalez
- 10/27 Jacob Cannady
- 10/27 Joshua Cannady
- 10/27 Charlie Phillips
- 10/28 Jim Schluter
- 10/29 Joyce Hanline
- 10/30 Soyup Cho
- 10/30 Bryony Grover
- 10/31 Jane Hansen

PARKWOOD.....On Mission



**Packaging Event
Sunday, October 13
World Hunger Sunday**

Just days from now Parkwood will be humming with the sound of 20,000 meals being packed and hungry children being fed. Will you be there... will you help out?

Did you know for 25 cents you could buy a meal and feed someone who didn't eat yesterday? WE NEED YOUR QUARTERS...it takes 20,000 quarters for the 20,000 meals, so every quarter counts! If you have been collecting quarters please bring them on the 13th.

We will package the meals in two shifts: 1:00-2:30 and 3:00-4:00. If you are interested in participating in the event, please sign up on the bulletin board in the choir hallway or online at www.parkwood.org.

If you sign up for the first shift there will be a chili and cornbread lunch provided for \$5.00 per person, payable at the door. Please indicate if you want to purchase lunch so we can ensure we have enough for everyone.

For more information, please contact Cheri Dickey at cheri.atkins72@gmail.com.

**Grounds Clean-up Day
Saturday, October 26**



Plan to come out 8-11 AM to work on the grounds. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers and chainsaws. Lunch will be available at Subway for all workers.

Contact Paul Hopler at pbhopler@cox.net.

**Thank You
From the Missions Committee!**

THANK YOU from the members of the Missions Committee and the staff for your generous spirit during the summer months. The **books** you donated in **June** were delivered immediately to inmates in local jails; the **school supplies** valued at \$725 that you gave during **July** were used during the three school supply parties hosted by FACETS; and the many **kitchen and household items** you brought during **August** were taken to The Lamb Center in Fairfax.



Each organization was grateful for your help, and your donations were received with thankful hearts, smiles and hugs. Keep up the good work, Parkwood!

Kids' Konnection

Christmas distribution will be on December 21st from 10 AM to 3 PM. Toys, Christmas stockings and books will be needed for 1500 children. It is amazing to realize we can truly be missionaries right here at home! We will be handing out the stockings starting the first Sunday in October and they will be due back by December 8th. Please help to make it a Merry Christmas and a further opportunity to witness to the true meaning of Christmas to the people in DC.



Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993 more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts. We have been an important part of this ministry for over 10 years. Several of our members have gone to the distribution center to sort and prepare boxes for shipping. We have begun to collect the boxes to again join with the many other churches who are a part of this ministry. If you haven't taken a box, please pick one up, fill it, and return it by November 3rd.



**A Taste of Fall with FACETS
Saturday, November 16**

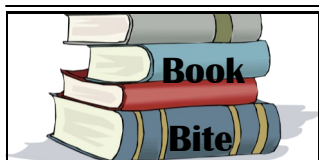
Join the community for a fun evening to benefit the work of FACETS to open doors for people in need living in our community. You can sample delicious food from local restaurants, enjoy live musical entertainment and bid on many silent and live auction items. As this is the 25th anniversary, there will be special items and activities to enjoy!

To purchase tickets, visit www.facetscares.org or call 703-352-6342. For more information, please contact Bonnie Hopler at pbhopler@cox.net.

May 2014 Mission Trip

Project Sandy Rebuild, New York/New Jersey, sponsored by the North American Missions Board. We will help repair homes destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Cost is \$15 per night and includes food. Sign-up sheets will be available soon, and deposits will need to be made.

Please contact Bryce Stokes: bstokes@cox.net.



The Trust Diamond by Twink DeWitt

Reviewed by Mary Kelly

When a massive wave paralyzed Denny, it pitched both Twink and Denny into a lifestyle of trust. Waiting for the ambulance, they both heard God say, "Trust Me."

Twink studied the facets of God's goodness and mighty power. Then she saw the idea of a diamond, a trust diamond. Each facet represents a characteristic of God or something about the believer's individual life with Jesus. "I had no choice but to write *The Trust Diamond*," she says. "With a simple example, I can help people learn more about who God is so they can rely on Him daily."

She now understands the power of "doubt dust" which can clog up trust. On her website www.TheTrustDiamond.com, she blogs about Trust Busters. When we rely on the relentless love and power of God, trust defeats doubt.

The beach accident that initiated their lifestyle of trust happened just a few weeks after Denny retired from the Air Force. Because he could no longer do dentistry on a ship, Denny led the dental department at the Mercy Ships International Office in Texas. (Later he led dental teams to Central America.) But what would Twink do? God had a plan. She would learn to write.

Twink wrote poignant stories about patients treated on board the ships in Africa and Central America. Later she served as editor for the Mercy Ships Newsletter.

After ten years with Mercy Ships, the couple changed to Youth With a Mission, staffing a variety of YWAM schools. This included 12-week introduction to missions schools, 12-week writing schools, and 3-week writing workshops. Authors such as Brock and Bodie Thoene, Elizabeth Sherrill, Mona Hodgson, Pat Rushford teach at the schools. Twink helps writers of all ages hone their skills. Many of her students' books are now published.

The couple now concentrates on speaking, writing, and blogging. Denny has a blog: "Insights from the Life of Christ" also at www.TheTrustDiamond.com. The DeWitts live in Hideaway, Texas. Their three married sons and seven grandchildren live in Iowa, Indiana, and California. No wonder they love to travel.

Join Twink and Denny on **Sunday, October 20** at Parkwood's next **Celebrate Christian Literature** luncheon where you can hear Twink talk in-depth about the DeWitt's developing trust in God, His leading Twink to write *The Trust Diamond* and how she helps future writers. **Register** online, call the church office, or sign up in person on Sundays or Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall with a \$5 prepayment for lunch. Books are available for \$12 when registering on Sunday or Wednesday.



Twink DeWitt

It's Not the Power of Your Trust.

It's the Power of the God You Trust.

Illuminations

Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?

The right time to do something is different for each individual. The right time to return to school, reconnect with an old friend, change your hairstyle, remarry, adopt a child, retire, write a book, relocate, end a toxic relationship, purchase or sell real estate, is as unique as we are. Therefore, it is imperative that we pay close attention to the cues in our lives.

Proper timing is relative to everything. **When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son (Galatians 4:4).** In that same way, we need to respect the proper timing of things in our personal affairs because it gives us access to the divine wisdom that is custom-made for our particular journey. Secondly, we need to muster the courage to heed that wisdom. Fear can paralyze, but courage will replenish itself as we take one step at a time.

In the 1970s, the band Chicago had a hit song that asked, "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is? Does Anybody Really Care?" Time is not an easy concept to grasp, especially when considered in light of eternity. Consider this: sometimes we made poor decisions when we were young, ignorant, or foolish. But often enough, we made the best decision we could have made at the time, depending on our level of maturity, knowledge, resources, and the circumstances that engulfed each situation. Now that we are older, perhaps it is an issue of trust, but we must believe that after we have prayerfully considered all of the variables in our situation, we are still capable of making the best decisions.

Do you know what time it is right now in your life? Perhaps it is time for you to make an appointment for spiritual counseling. Maybe it's time for you to stop belittling yourself or others, or taking precious relationships for granted. It might be time for you to advocate for yourself in the workplace, where you are constantly overlooked and disrespected. If you have been struggling with mental health issues, perhaps it is time for you to stop pretending that you can treat yourself, and seek professional help. Perhaps it is your time to make amends with a long-time friend or a disenfranchised family member. Just because your last attempt at reconciliation did not work, that does not mean that it will not work now. People learn and grow. Hopefully, you have learned and matured as well, so why not go into it expecting a different outcome this time? With all of that said, it is up to you to discover what is most beneficial for your life.

To recap: it could be the "fullness of time" for something different to happen in your life, so pay close attention to the cues. It might take you out of your comfort zone, but that is okay. Your time is in God's hands.

In His Grace..... Denise Lewis Christopher

To comment on this or past articles, email dlewchris@yahoo.com.



Next Meeting

Monday, October 14
10:30 AM

The Hidden Flame

by Davis Bunn & Janette Oke



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Return Service Requested

"What's New?"

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come"
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

This is a common question asked when we haven't seen someone in a while. We are interested in "catching up" and want to know what has changed in their lives. Unfortunately the most common answer to this question is, "Not much." Really? Not much? If we are living the abundant life that God wants for us then we are going to be on the move! Our God is a God who is always moving, working and active in this world. Jesus said, "My Father is always at His work..." (John 5:17). We cannot stay where we are and follow God! He is on the move making "new" creations all around us. As Christians every day is a new day that God has created. Each day is another opportunity to live to His glory and to fulfill all that we were created to be. Each day is a new start to our journey to become useful instruments in the hands of the Master Designer.

This is what makes Parkwood such a great place to be on a weekly basis. We are embracing the "new" all the time. In fact, it is common to hear the question, "What's new this week?" Now that can make some of us nervous because change is stressful, even if it is positive. But we all know that anything that is living and healthy changes...constantly. Growth happens! Yes, church, we are on the move! It seems that God refreshes us each week as we gather for Sunday worship. He also inspires us in a growing amount of weekly Bible studies and, most importantly, our missions ministry is expanding as our giving increases and more and more people hear the message of the Gospel of Jesus outside the walls of our building. What's new? Every day in the eyes of our living God!

Blessings,