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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PARRISH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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A Word from Pastor Chris

Dear Members and Friends of Parrish United Methodist Church,

This week our hearts have been saddened by the unimaginable damage that Hurricane Harvey has caused in Texas. A friend of mine who serves a church in Houston described the flood damage in his community and the surrounding areas as “devastating.” As often happens, many of you immediately begin asking what we can do to help. As we join with churches across the country in offering support, here are four things we can do right now.

1. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators and many volunteers in The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church and Central Texas Conference who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.
2. Be ready for the call to make relief kits. As in the past, I fully expect that our conference will begin collecting these kits to send to the areas devastated by this storm. You can learn about what goes into each kit at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>. When the collection effort begins we will let you know and begin making plans to facilitate their delivery.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:15 Traditional Worship

9:45 *CrossLight*

11:11 Blended Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages

Nursery available

Coming events:

- ✝ 09/04 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- ✝ 09/05 Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Mtg. 6:30 PM
- ✝ 09/06 MOPS 9:30 AM
- ✝ 09/07 Leadership Team Meeting 6:00 PM
- ✝ 09/09 OCC Packing Party 1:00 PM
- ✝ 09/09 Food Distribution Day 11:00 AM
Community Luncheon 11:00 AM
- ✝ 09/12 GriefShare Begins 4:30 PM
- ✝ 09/12 Stephen Minster's Mtg. 7:00 PM
- ✝ 09/14 Thrift Cottage Board Meeting 9:00 AM
- ✝ 09/14 Administrative Team Meeting 7:00 PM
- ✝ 09/15 Family Fun Night 6:30 PM
- ✝ 09/17 New Membership Class 12:30 PM
- ✝ 09/20 MOPS 9:30 PM
- ✝ 09/22 Movie & Dinner Night 5:30 PM
- ✝ 09/23 Food Distribution Day 11:00 AM
Community Luncheon 11:00 AM
- ✝ 09/26 Stephen Ministry Mtg. 7:00 PM

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Prayer Blanket Ministry

Alma Woolbert

Blankets! Blankets! Our ladies continue their creative talents in all colors and sizes for everyone from babies to oldsters. On Sunday, August 20th, Pastor Chris blessed a myriad of blankets at the three services. Our supply outweighed need this time. There will be blankets on a table in the narthex for the next few weeks.

We thank those who made monetary donations recently as well as those who have provided yarn. All contributions help grow the prayer blanket ministry. Thank you!

Pastor Appreciation Month

It's hard to believe it is already September! That means October, and "Pastor Appreciation Month" are just around the corner. Pastor Appreciation Month gives us an opportunity to say an extra special thank you to Pastor Chris for all that he gives to our church.

Hebrews 13:7 says, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 say, "Now we ask you brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work..."

We thank God for the gift of Pastor Chris, the man that God has brought to Parrish United Methodist Church as our pastor. In addition to our continuous prayers, we'd like to present a special gift for him in early October. If you would like to contribute, please indicate "Pastor Appreciation" on your checks or envelopes and drop in the offering plate no later than September 24th. Help us celebrate and express gratitude for Pastor Chris.

Thank you,

PUMC Leadership Team



You may have unclaimed money from the Government! Government agencies will NOT call or notify you about your unclaimed money. Unclaimed money can come in the form of unclaimed back wages, VA life insurance benefits, retirement pensions, tax refunds, bank & credit union failures, FHA insurance refunds, savings bonds, etc. The following website is a place to start your search for your (or your loved one's) money: <https://www.usa.gov/unclaimed-money> *Bill Hancock has helped many people find money they didn't know they had and is offering his assistance. If you would like his help, please call him at the church office 776-1539 or email him at Bill@parrishumc.com.*

Stephen Ministry News

Meet our Stephen Minister
Sarah Rich

What Does Being a Stephen Minister Mean to Me

Stephen Ministries has allowed me to empty my bucket list with the only important item left . . . to help others in their time of need !!

Thought and Feelings

I am proud and humbled by this calling from our precious Father.

My Motto for My Stephen Ministry

Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Why this passage exemplifies Stephen Ministry

This passage exemplifies Stephen Ministries because this is what we are here for.....to be there for others in need.



September is Stephen Ministry Month, Stephen Ministry Sunday is September 24th

License plate frames are still available.

You can purchase them in the office during the week or on Sunday mornings in the *Gathering Place*. They are \$10.

Stephen Ministry Calendar

SM Meeting

Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm

SM Meeting

Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm

stephenministry@parrishumc.com

Going through a difficult time?



stephen MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

Strictly Confidential

Call Elaine at 941-212-7567

or Bob at 727-692-9954

For more information

Route 66 Youth



bringing Jesus Christ into the lives of teenagers through Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

Youth Leaders – Joe & Julie McNaughton

Turns out God knows what he's talking about! And a few books of the Bible bear that out, verse after verse, like the book of Proverbs. This five-week series will introduce us to some of the most profound and applicable pearls of God's wisdom. All middle and high school students are welcome and invited to attend!

September 13 - October 11
6:30-8:00 pm



Apples to Apples Family Night

Friday, September 15th

6:30-8:30 pm



Bring the whole family for an evening of food, fellowship and fun! We are ready to usher in the fall season and invite all our PUMC families to join us! Remember to bring your favorite comfort food to share.

Sunday Morning Groups for Middle School Students:

9:45 co-lab-orate Rm. 109

11:11 Submerge Rm. 109

Sunday Morning Group for High School Students:

9:45 HS Connection Rm. 122

(1st Sunday of month only)

Dates to Note:

September 8 Night of Joy

September 13 "Smart Stuff" series

September 15 Family Night

October 1 High School "Refresh"

6th–12th graders are always welcome to join us in the Youth Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesdays. We mix in fellowship and games in with our Bible lesson and would love to see you there! Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have at mчнаughton@parrishumc.com.

Pack-A-Sack 4 Kids (PAS4K)

As we get ready for the start of another school year, we are looking once again for volunteers who can help make our deliveries on Thursday mornings at 10 AM. This is usually a two-person job, requires a small SUV or larger vehicle and takes about an hour of your time. If you can help, please contact Mick & Carol Beaver at 941-722-3116.

Our packing teams are well established, and we have additional people who will be joining us when the numbers increase. While school starts earlier this year, it usually takes a number of weeks to get permission slips signed by parents and establish some firmer numbers.

Last year we furnished food packs for 79 Blackburn Elementary students each week. Also, we began a new program to supply some specific items to help the nursing staff with hygiene classes for 4th and 5th grade students.

A Word from Pastor Chris Continued

3. When we do begin collecting kits, donate only those items requested.

4. Give to *The United Methodist Churches Committee on Relief* (UMCOR) relief and recovery efforts in the United States. Every dollar of UMCOR contributions goes to direct aid of those who are suffering. UMCOR is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies and more. Donations can be made online at <https://www.umcor.org>. Just look for the "donation" tab at the top, or you can write a check to the church and make sure you specify "UMCOR" on the memo line. Everything we collect will be sent to the relief effort.

As Floridians we know the threat hurricanes pose along our coast, and right now many along the Texas coast are facing our worst fears. Let us reach out in the way of love and compassion to many whose lives have been turned upside down.

Blessings,

Chris

Operation Christmas Child has been a growing project at PUMC for the last 4 years. Since 2013 PUMC has packed 1964 boxes that were shipped around the world to children in need. Last year PUMC decided to make *Operation Christmas Child* a year round project. We started off with Christmas in July. With all the donations throughout July and the 2 craft days we had at PUMC we were able to increase our boxes by 80%. Last year many asked, "Why are we doing a packing party? Are we still going to be able to pack our own boxes?" The answer is **YES**, we will still pack individual boxes in November. The packing party will increase the opportunities to reach more children and WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The *Operation Christmas Child* Team planned to increase the boxes in 2017. After much discussion we hosted PUMC's 1st Annual Car Show, which was a huge success! With the funds raised for *Operation Christmas Child* we have been able to purchase items in bulk at low prices, which will increase the number of boxes we will send. We hosted a Craft Day in August and two in September.

You are invited to our

**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
PACKING PARTY**

*Demonstrate God's love in a tangible
way to needy children around the world
through a simple gift.*

**DATE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 9TH
TIME: 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.**

**PARRISH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12180 US - 301
PARRISH, FLORIDA**

*For every box your family would like to pack
please bring \$9 cash or pre-pay online
(where you'll also be able to follow your box
and see what country it goes to):*

**WWW.SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/
INDEX.PHP/OCC/FOLLOWYOURBOX/**

*Please save the date , we
are praying we will see
you there!*

*The mission field is not only
around the world ,but as
close as our own backdoors!
We would love for you to in-
vite a neighbor, friend or
family member to give them
the experience and the joy of
filling a box! Use this fun op-
portunity to invite someone
to church.*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.*

Matthew 28:18-20

Children's Ministry

Ethel Pawley

Kids' Hour Promotion Sunday

September 3rd

9:45 & 11:11 AM

Starting September 3rd, children will move to their current grade level.

Grade	Room	Time	Leaders
Preschool	115	9:45 11:11	Anna Jarvis, Bonnie Lough, Michelle Bailey, Angela Dockery Lauren Weinkein, Gail Abbas, Lori Klemish, Melissa Ansbro
K- 2 nd Grade	113	9:45	Andy Anderson, Ashley Schultes, Rose Long, Tracy McClure
3 rd -5 th Grade	112	9:45	Pat Norris, Amy Schopfer, Ethel Pawley
K-5 th Grade	112	11:11	Ethel Pawley
6 th -8 th Grade	109	9:45 11:11	Joe McNaughton Eric McRoberts

We are blessed to have a fabulous group of volunteers to teach our children. During September we will be learning about listening to God. We will learn how Hannah, Samuel, Saul and David listened to God. Our memory verse is: "Speak. Your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10.

In order to help the children learn about weekly giving, we will be making offering boxes that they can take home to remind them to bring an offering on Sunday. Our mission project will be collecting items for the homeless children in Manatee County. More information about the items that we will be collecting will be sent home on Sunday. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year as we embark on our weekly adventure through the Bible.

Wednesday Kidz Nite

September 6th

6:30-8:30 PM

1st – 5th Grades

Join us for Kids.com Music Group and our weekly journey learning about the Parables that Jesus taught. There will be games, crafts, yummy snacks and a totally fun time. There is a seat waiting for you in *Room 112*.



Apples to Apples

Family Night

Friday

Sept. 15th

6:30-8:30 PM

You don't want to miss this family night. Bring your favorite comfort food main dish. It will be a great time of fun, food and friendly competition.



MOPS

MOPS Meetings Wednesday September 6th & 20th

9:30-11:30 AM Room 125

All moms of infants-preschoolers are invited to join us for a time of fun, encouragement, learning and sharing the many facets of motherhood. This year's theme, ***Free Indeed***, will help moms learn ways to streamline commitments, balance responsibilities, live clutter free and embrace the unique God given qualities to be the one-of-a-kind mom she was created to be. There is a seat waiting for you and childcare is provided.

Dinner & Movie Night

Friday, September 22nd

Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 PM

The Shack 7:00

After the abduction and presumed death of Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter, Missy, Mack receives a letter and suspects it is from God, asking him to return to *The Shack* where Missy may have been murdered. After contemplating it, he leaves his home to go to *The Shack* for the first time since Missy's abduction and an encounter that will change his life forever.



New Membership Class

If you would like to join the church or would just like to learn more about PUMC, this is your opportunity. *Our New Member Luncheon* will be Sunday, September 17th, from 12:30—2:30 PM in the *Wesley Room*. Anyone wishing to become a member of PUMC should plan to attend. The following week, Sunday, September 24th people completing the class will be received into membership. Everyone is welcome – long time visitors, spouses of church members and new guests. Please let us know by writing on the attendance pad or call the church office (941-776-1539) to RSVP.

GriefShare

***GriefShare begins Tuesday, September 12th
at 4:30 PM in Room 123***

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. This program is open to anyone living in the area who is dealing with grief. GriefShare program is 13 weekly sessions.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! This is not only for our congregation. We solicit your help in finding persons who have lost loved ones and would benefit from GriefShare. It is a Bible-based, non-denominational, nationally-known program with videos using grief experts from all over the country.



Pill Bottle Collection Update

Thank you so much for the donation of your plastic pill bottles. As this letter states, we have contributed generously to *Matthew 25 Ministries*. Do your best, if possible, to remove labels, but be assured no pill bottle leaves my house with your information on it.

Kay Coloney



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Thank you for your continued, generous support of our Pill Bottle program. Pill bottles prepared as described on our website are blended with other medical supplies and shipped to hospitals and clinics in developing countries where even a bar of soap is too precious to use except in the most extreme circumstances. The bottles provide a more hygienic form of dispensing and a safer receptacle for scarce and valuable medicines. Unprepared pill bottles are shredded and recycled for cash which goes back to support our programs and also helps save the environment by reducing the amount of waste deposited into landfills. *All pill bottles are valuable, appreciated and helpful to our work.*

In 2016, Matthew 25 shipped 4,497 pallets (1,788,285 pounds) of medical supplies including pill bottles to locations such as Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua and Trinidad. Medical supplies include pill bottles as well as other first aid, surgical, treatment and orthopedic items. In 2016, Matthew 25 recycled 14,480 pounds of plastic which provide additional funding for our programs.

We appreciate your ongoing support and diligence! We will gratefully accept any pill bottles you send to us.

Thank you again for all your help and your continuing support of this program.

Sincerely,

Jodi Archer
Development and Media Director,
PR and Program Manager



"Caring for a needy world with the things we throw away."

Highly Ranked by Forbes.com
Highly Ranked 4-Star Charity on Charity Navigator

Interested in
Cub Scouting?



**JOIN
TODAY**

WHO: PARRISH PACK 146

WHAT: CUB SCOUTS FOR GRADES 1 – 5

WHERE: PARRISH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

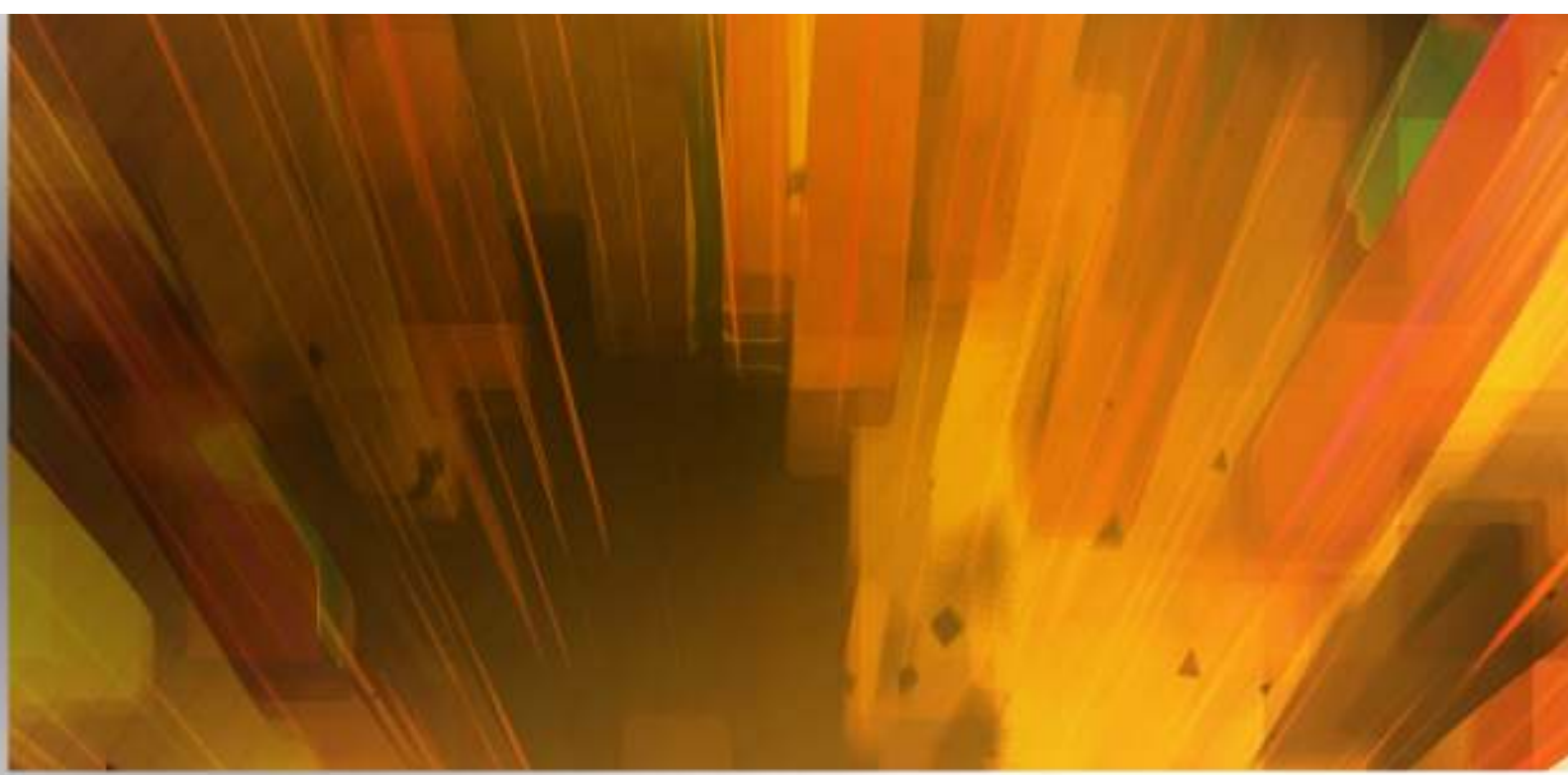
WHEN: EVERY MONDAY @ 6:45PM – 8:00PM

COME TO A FEW MEETINGS TO SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT,
WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

CONTACT: AARON RAWLEY

CALL, TEXT, OR EMAIL

941-713-1490, PARRISHPACK146@GMAIL.COM



PUMC Activity Calendar

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>EACH SUNDAY: Traditional Worship 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Blended Worship 11:11 AM</p>						
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 7:00 AM Worship Design 10:00 AM Bible Study	6 9:30 AM MOPS 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Kidz Night 6:30 PM Youth Ministry 8:00 PM Renovation Practice	7 6:00 PM Leadership Team 7:00 PM Choir Practice	8	9 11:00 AM Food Distribution 11:00 AM Community Lunch 1:00 PM OCC Packing Party
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PUMC Birthday Calendar

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Vince Cobelo	2 Sheila Guthrie
3 Kevin Osborne Sherrie Gosling	4 Pat Anderson Jerry Purvis Norma Jean Hulley	5	6 Mack Britt Austin Garcia	7 Anna Barry Danyell Jackson	8 Mekenna Karns Jay McNaughton Deanna Osbourne Nancy Butterwick	9 Alma Woolbert Lily King
10 Mike Everson Chuck Tawney	11 Joyce Hubble	12 Frank Anderson Kathi DeCarlo Brian Karns Ryen Rath Nancy Dowling Jerry Woodward	13 Julie McNaughton Mary Lou Vandervort	14 Chris Nelson	15 GOD BLESS YOUR SPECIAL DAY	16
17 Randy Call Eric McRoberts Brayden Favia Mike Lough Marilyn Morrison Carolyn Sloan Sue Ellen Campbell	18 	19 Bud Phillips	20	21 Kimla Miner	22 Geena Gregory Ed Johns	23 Deliah Ranceful
24 Jennifer Collins Courtney Klemish	25 Aubrey Abarr	26 Destiny Dean Donna Drumheller Charles Rauch Norm Fitzgerald	27 Barbara Roth	28	29 Ashley Mellwaine Evan Miles	30 Drew Evans Caitlyn Hanlon Bobbyetta Judd Mary Jane Phillips Sally Hoffmaster