



# Son Times

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## A Word from Pastor Chris

Dear Members and Friends of Parrish United Methodist Church,

*Then we will no longer be infants...Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:14-16*

In the hallway at the house we have picture frames for Ryan and Cassidy that contain wallet size pictures for each year of school. You've probably seen them, small pictures slots that begin for the kindergarten year and progress clockwise until the day comes when we place a larger high school graduation picture in the middle. Looking at the one frame allows us to see how they've grown and developed over the years.

This year, with the start of Cassidy's senior year of high school, both those frames are now full! Each picture immediately shows the physical growth of the kids starting about age six. But when Toni and I look at them we see much more. In our relationship as their parents we know their development has been much deeper than just physical changes. When Toni and I look at them we also see the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual growth. We see in those pictures the development from little kids who depended on us for everything to bigger kids that can, and do, depend on themselves. Even though in our eyes they will always be kids, truly they have become adults. That is what it means to mature.

My Dad still has that same type of picture frame filled with my pictures all the way until I graduated high school. But as I become introspective I wonder what my frame from the time of my high school graduation to today would reveal. Not in a physical sense, but have I continued to grow spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. Have I grown in my relationship with Jesus Christ? Have I continued to mature?

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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

- ✝ 09/05 M.O.P.S. 9:30 AM
- ✝ 09/05 Kidz Night Begins 6:30 PM
- ✝ 09/06 Leadership Team Meeting 6PM
- ✝ 09/08 Food Distribution Day 11AM  
Free Community Lunch
- ✝ 09/09 New Member Class 12:30 PM
- ✝ 09/11 GriefShare Begins 4:30 PM
- ✝ 09/11 Stephen Minister's Meeting 7:00 PM
- ✝ 09/13 Thrift Cottage Board Meeting 9:00 AM
- ✝ 09/13 Administrative Team Meeting 7PM
- ✝ 09/16 New Member Sunday
- ✝ 09/18 Leadership Gifts Team 6:00 PM
- ✝ 09/18 Capital Campaign 7:00 PM
- ✝ 09/19 M.O.P.S. 9:30 AM
- ✝ 09/22 Food Distribution Day 11AM  
Free Community Lunch
- ✝ 09/23 Stephen Minister Sunday
- ✝ 09/25 Stephen Minister's Meeting 7:00 PM

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# Stephen Ministry News

September is Stephen Ministry Month, Stephen Ministry Sunday is September 23rd

We want to share our presence and love at PUMC....

Special Notice: On Sunday 9/3 we are GIVING AWAY FREE license plate holders at each service while supplies last!



On Sunday 9/3, all services, we are having a contest for anyone in the congregation to "PET MATCH CONTEST" and the winner wins a beautiful "Community of the Cross".



## Community of the Cross

Handcrafted, hand-painted from Peru

Dressed in traditional Peruvian costume, the people surrounding the cross work together to carry it, illustrating both the community of all believers and the commitment Christians make to carry one another's burdens.

On Sunday 9/6 don't miss out on a FREE stress ball.

Get to know your Stephen Ministers @ PUMC. We are here for our congregation to reach out to YOU or a FAMILY MEMBER or FRIEND who needs the presence of someone to be there to listen and pray for you in *total confidentiality*. Find Christ Centered Love as the answer. Call the office today!





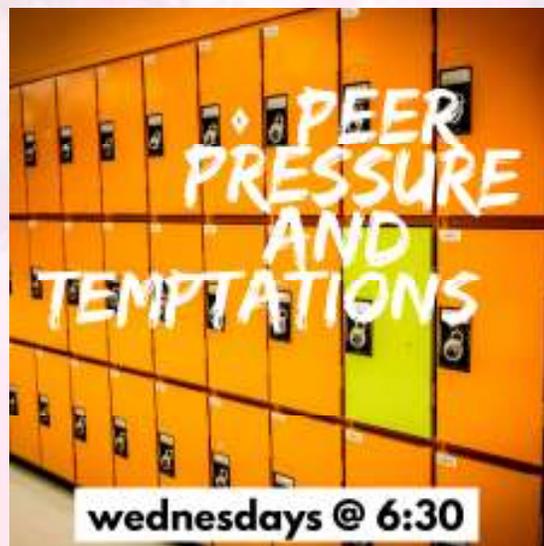
# Route 66 Youth

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

Youth Leaders – Joe & Julie McNaughton

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.” 1 John 3:16

Peer pressure and temptation—what every high school and middle school student faces at some point in time. Therefore, our youth group is turning our attention to these issues this fall. And the Bible has plenty to say about how we are to treat our friends and maintain our personal integrity as we progress in our faith. For this series, we will split into two groups based on grade level. Middle school students are focusing on friendships and peer pressure, while the high school students are concentrating on resisting the temptations in our culture. All middle and high school students are welcome and invited to attend!



**August 22 - October 24**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

## Sunday Morning Groups for Middle School Students:

9:45            Encounter            Rm. 109

11:11           Submerge            Rm. 109

## Sunday Morning Group for High School Students:

9:45            HS Connection        Rm. 122

(1st Sunday of month)

## Youth Dates to Note:

September 2      “Moving Up” Sunday

September 5      Pizza @ 6:15

September 12     HS Scholarship Night

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 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](mailto:mчнаughton@parrishumc.com).

From Our Church Treasurer . . .

## What do you want to know?



One of the most difficult tasks for a Church Treasurer is determining how financial information is communicated to the congregation. There is always the question of 'how much is too much, how little is too little.'

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At Parrish UMC, our financial records (with the exception of individual giving amounts) are open and available to anyone in the congregation. Detailed monthly reports are distributed at each Administrative Ministry meeting and these reports are always available on request. As you may be aware, we don't spend a great deal of time talking about money or publicizing great looking financial statements as I believe our attention is better spent on the real reason we are gathered at this church – the furtherance of Christ's message.

Some people like long lines of financial data while others just want a summary version, and, there are those that 'fuzz over' as soon as they see a line of numbers! I would like to satisfy everyone but **I need to know what your questions are?**

I am usually in the church office each day from 10AM until 2PM if anyone would like to ask questions or obtain financial reports. If you can't make it to the church during the week please e-mail your questions to me at [bill@parrishumc.com](mailto:bill@parrishumc.com) and I will answer them to the best of my ability and if your question has congregational relevance I will publish the question/answer in future newsletters.



Bill Hancock, Treasurer  
UMC of Parrish

## Prayer Blanket Ministry

Alma Woolbert

The colors of the rainbow and more graced the prayer rails at each service on Sunday, August 12th. Pastor Chris described the blankets as "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace."

Many thanks to the ladies who produce all the colorful expressions of love and comfort. The ladies extend their heartfelt thanks to those who made monetary donations during the past several months along with yarn donations. The blanket ministry continues to reach far and wide.



# Ecuador Mission Team

Thank you for the prayers!



## Pastor Appreciation Month

It's hard to believe it's 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. 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 30th. Help us celebrate and express gratitude for Pastor Chris.

### GriefShare

***GriefShare begins Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
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.

## A Word from Pastor Chris Continued

What about *you*? What about *us*?

Growth is a basic principal of life. And we are called to grow daily in our relationship with Jesus Christ. That growth happens individually through the practices of worship, prayer and Bible Study as you develop a deeper relationship with God. But it also happens for us corporately as we become more and more like Christ, growing in love and engaged in the work for which we are called. We mature as we live in obedience to the ways God has called us to serve our community and share the love of Christ with all people.

Think about your frame, and think about our frame. I pray each will reveal consistent growth as the people and church that God has called and created us to be. Someday there will be a graduation picture for us all, but that will happen when we cross over to glory. Until that time we are not done!

Here's to growing together in Christ!

*Chris*

# Children's Ministry

Ethel Pawley



## DEEP BLUE

**B**e with and know God is always with you.

**L**ove God, family and neighbors.

**U**nderstand yourself as a child of God.

**E**xplore faith and the Bible.

## Kids' Hour – 9:45 & 11:11 AM Sunday Mornings

We are continuing our adventure through the Bible using DEEP BLUE curriculum. This year we will be focusing on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and a part of God's big family. To make the Bible relevant to lives of our kids, during the month of September our kids will learn about Jesus' family and that they too are a part of God's family. The kids will explore how families care for their children as they grow and build loving relationships.

Theme: Learning about Jesus' family.

Memory Verse: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; with Him I well pleased."

Matthew 3:17 NIV

## KIDS MOVING UP SUNDAY



September 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Official Promotion Sunday

Room 115    Preschool

Room 113    K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Room 112    3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Room 109    6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

The date is set:

**KIDZ NITE**

Wednesday

September 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30-8:00 PM

Room 112

All kids from 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to a time of worship, learning, being with friends, crafts, games, and yummy snacks. There is a seat waiting just for you!

## FIND YOUR FIRE

All moms with young children are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **9:30-11:30 am**, in **Room 125** for our **MOPS Meeting**. This year's theme, **Find Your Fire**, encourages moms to live out Romans 12:11-13, "When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your home."

Come and spend time with other moms. Engage in a time of sharing laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments, successes and failures, as we learn together and be the ones to encourage each other to **Find Your Fire**.

Child care is provided.

## Cub Scouts at PUMC

Interested in  
Cub Scouting?



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](mailto:PARRISHPACK146@GMAIL.COM)



### What do we offer?

Cub Scouts is a year-round program that offers fun activities that promote character and leadership development. Our program is designed to be hands-on, and parents are encouraged to play an active role in our programs. Scouting embraces the outdoors through camping, hiking, water sports, and shooting sports. We also focus on helping our communities through service projects, STEM development and building confident kids through our wide range of activities. The Cub Scout program is designed to develop physical, mental and emotional fitness. Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect).

## PACK-A-SACK 4 KIDS

The new school year has started and we have made our first delivery of food bags to Blackburn Elementary. Our numbers start slowly, and it takes awhile for the teachers and staff to determine the individual needs. Then they send out parent permission slips; and wait for them to be returned. After the first month, we will have a much better idea of how many bags we need for each week. In the past we have averaged between 50 and 70 bags each week!

We thank our many volunteers, and ask for your continued prayers and contributions that allow this ministry to continue. It truly makes a difference in the lives of many children in our local community. The food items packed are determined by the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries in Largo, FL. We work hard to follow the program guidelines, and gain the best pricing possible for these items.

Our Manatee County efforts are headed by Kathi DeCarlo, and she is working to gain additional sponsor groups to meet the need at more Title I schools. We look forward to another great year. Thankfully, we have an excellent group of volunteers, and a list of people that we can call upon when the need arises.

Mick & Carol Beaver  
PUMC – PAS4K Program Coordinators

# Pack-A-Sack 4 Kids



**Fighting Hunger & Food Insecurity**  
**ONE kid & ONE school at a time!**

# PUMC Birthday Calendar

## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Vince Cobelo
2 la Guthrie	Shei- 3 Kevin Osborne Sherrie Gosling	4 Pat Anderson Jerry Purvis Norma Jean Hulley Joan Masucci	5 	6 Mack Brit Austin Garcia	7 Anna Barry Danyell Jackson	8 Mckenna Karns Jay McNaughton Deanna Osbourne Nancy Butterwick
9 Alma Woolbert Lily King John Lawrence	10 Mike Everson	11 Joyce Hubble Harper Lane	12 Frank Anderson Kathi DeCarlo Nancy Dowling Brian Karns	13 Julie McNaughton Mary Lou Vandervort Monika Hagedorn Barb Clark	14 Chris Nelson	15
16 Hayden Lepley Ed Lord	17 Randy Call Eric McRoberts Brayden Favria Mike Lough Marilyn Morrison Carolyn Sloan Ellen Campbell Avery Sue	18 Chrysti Brown	19 Bud Phillips	20 Sharon Bennett George Nettles	21 Kimla Miner Robert Cunningham	22 Geena Gregory Ed Johns
23 Delilah Ranceful	24 Jennifer Collins Courtney Klemish	25 Aubrey Abarr	26 Donna Drumheller Charles Rauch	27 Barbara Roth Karen Amidon	28	29 Ashley McIlwaine Evan Miles
30 Caitlyn Hanlon Bobbyetta Judd Mary Jane Phillips Sally Hoffmaster						

**GOD BLESS YOUR  
SPECIAL DAY**

# *PUMC Activity Calendar*

## *September 2018*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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