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A Word from Pastor Chris**Dear Members and Friends of Parrish United Methodist Church,****May 2016**

Hellen Keller is quoted as having once said, rather succinctly, that “life is a series of lessons...” I don’t think it takes any of us very long to experience the truth of that simple statement.

We often associate learning with an intellectual pursuit, and that is certainly a component of learning. I am fortunate and grateful to have had (and am still having) opportunities to pursue learning over the years through educational endeavors. Yet, as much as I do appreciate those opportunities, I am far more thankful for the people that God has placed in my life over the years who have taught me not simply through their words, or their intellectual knowledge, but through their example. I am thankful for those who have taught me about faith, obedience, love and trust through the testimony of their lives.

My mother was one of those great teachers. This month, as we celebrate Mother’s Day, I’ll remember her with a grateful heart for the blessing she was, and still is, in my life. But my reflections will not be limited only to her and her memory. I will also think of, and be thankful for, the many other women that God has used to shape my life. Some of these women have been family, while others were teachers (Sunday School and grade/high school), church members, or mothers of close friends. All were women who for some reason took an interest in my life. Included in this is also my wife Toni, who continues to amaze me through not only her love and patience with me (of which she obviously has an almost inexhaustible supply) but also as an incredible mother to Ryan and Cassidy. Each of these women took an interest in my life and, in their own way, has left an impression and taught me valuable lessons. Mother’s Day is an opportunity for me to reflect upon their impact on my life and be thankful. So, to all you women who have been invested in the life of a young person in any way, I want you to know that Mother’s Day is your day. Whether those individuals were your children, grandchildren, or simply kids that you took an interest in, you have taught life lessons.

Thank you, and Happy Mother’s Day!

In Christ,

Chris

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PUMC Activity Calendar

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Coming events:

- ✝ 5/05 Leadership Team Meeting 6:00 PM
- ✝ 5/07 Food Distribution Day 11:00 AM
- ✝ 5/07 Community Luncheon 11:00 AM
- ✝ 5/08 Mother's Day
- ✝ 5/10 Stephen Ministers 7:00 PM
- ✝ 5/12 Thrift Cottage Board Meeting 9:00 AM
- ✝ 5/12 Administrative Team Meeting 7:00 PM
- ✝ 5/13 Family Luau Night 6:30 PM
- ✝ 5/17 New Bible Study Begins 10:00AM
- ✝ 5/21 Food Distribution Day 11:00 AM
- ✝ 5/22 End of Life Planning Seminar 12:30 PM
- ✝ 5/24 Stephen Ministers 7:00 PM
- ✝ 5/30 Memorial Day/Office Closed



I Love You

Happy Mother's Day

Mom, you are invited!
Muffins for Mom
Sunday, May 8th 9am to 11:30
In The Wesley Room

Enjoy a special Mother's Day breakfast with your child and receive a gift made by your child especially for you.





Route 66 Youth

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

Youth Leaders – Joe & Julie McNaughton

Through our new study in May, **Groove: Dilemmas**, the youth students will look at how scripture can impact our moral and ethical dilemmas. How do we reflect God’s love in our actions toward others? What is the intention of our hearts when we follow rules or guidelines? How can we make choices that honor God and others? These are just a few of the questions that arise as we work toward living into the values that we claim as we seek to follow Jesus. *“Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.”* Proverbs 2:9-10



We are moving into late spring and summer with plenty going on for students in 6th-12th grades. We invite all our youth and families and anyone else to **Family Night Luau** on Friday, May 13th. Bring a dish to share and be ready for wonderful fellowship and fun with our church family.

Also, it is time to get middle school students registered for our **Cave Quest Adventure** this June 20-24th. Register online at the church website, www.parrishumc.com. We have some exciting activities planned and don’t want you to miss it!

And of course, any and all middle and high school students are always welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30—8:00 in the *Youth Hall*. We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming Events:

May 13	Family Night
June 5	Graduate Recognition
June 20-24	Cave Quest VBS
July 11-16	Summer Camp

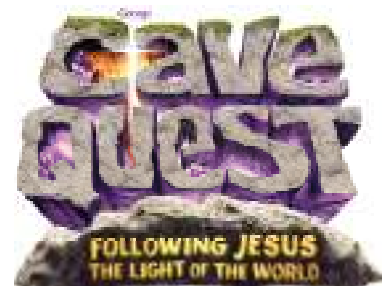
Summer Camp Update:

We are attending **July 11-16**

Stay tuned for paperwork information

Camper Parent meeting is June 29th

Contact Julie for more information:
mnaughton@parrishumc.com



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 mnaughton@parrishumc.com.

Ethel Pawley

As we read God's word, we will find many mothers who demonstrated their mothering skills using a variety of different styles. The one thing that each has in common is that not one is perfect. It would seem that if their story was included in God's word that they would at least be close to perfect, but that is not the case. God included each of their stories in His word and did not minimize their shortcomings. In doing so, He maximized the importance of forgiveness and grace. Today, mothers continue to raise their children using many different styles of mothering skills. And mothers continue to make mistakes and blunders. God's forgiveness and grace is as available today as it was for all the mothers whose story is in the Bible. We seek God's forgiveness and we live out His grace as we continue to move forward. Mother's Day is a celebration of all the love mothers pour into their children and the love of children for their mothers, despite their mistakes and shortcomings...this is God's grace.



Register NOW for Vacation Bible Study June 20th-24th 6:30-8:45 PM

For a week of adventure as we explore the mysteries of caves and learn to *Follow Jesus, the Light of the World!* Invite your friends from preschool - middle school. Online registration: www.parrishumc.com

Parent's Corner

Looking for a user friendly, practical and informative online parenting resource?

Right Now Media is a video library that is provided for free to our church family. If you do not have an account email chris@parrishumc.com. www.rightnowmedia.org



Join us for
Family Night Luau
Friday Night
May 13th
6:30-8:30 PM

Bring a dish to share:
A-F & T-Z Main Dish
G-L
Side Dish
M-S
Dessert



Invite a friend to share in fun, games, and prizes.



PUMC Building Team

On March 30th, the PUMC Building Team held its first meeting. The team discussed the responsibilities of the team as detailed in the *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*. The book, *Why Church Buildings Matter*, by Tim Cool, was distributed to all team members with the intention that our new building will not only provide needed space but will also ‘tell our story’ in this community.

Team members include: Bill Hancock (Chair), Jill Rogers (Recording Secretary), Scott Bush, Bill Crusselle, John Hamilton, Bethany Cook, Patty McClain and Pastor Chris (advisory capacity).



Stephen Ministry News

Meet our
Stephen Minister
Dave Clark



What Does Being A Stephen Ministry Mean To Me

Accepting the responsibility to be physically and mentally engaged in a caring relationship that is Christ-centered. Striving to always listen to, and focus on, the care receiver’s needs in a non-judgmental way. Then walking hand-in-hand with my care receiver, trying to understand and work through his feelings, knowing that Christ is by my side.

Thoughts and Feelings

Throughout history God has used ordinary people to do extraordinary things. I pray that I will be prepared to accept the challenges of being a process-oriented Stephen Minister. May I never try to fix the needs of my care receiver, rather trust that God’s will be done, giving all the glory to Him.

Motto For My Stephen Ministry

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. **Ephesians 3:20**

Why this passage exemplifies Stephen Ministry

Events and situations throughout our lives simply do not “just happen”. I believe if my head and my heart are in the right place, God can somehow overlook all of my human flaws. Then if I make myself available, and am listening for the call and show up for work, God takes over and things happen according to His will and in His time.

**Stephen Ministers are only the CAREgivers
Christ is the CUREgiver**

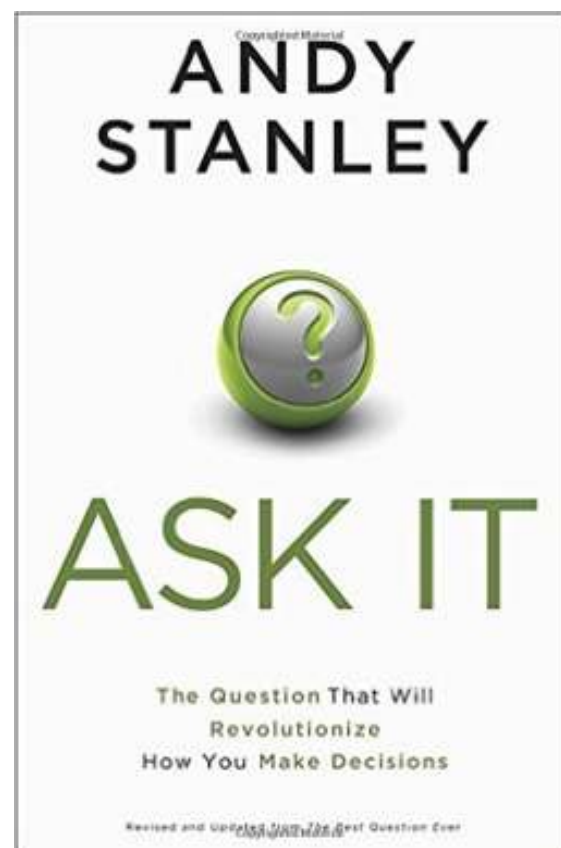


New Bible Study

This study will begin on Tuesday, May 17th at 10AM. *Ask It*, *The Questions That Will Revolutionize How You Make Decisions* by Andy Stanley. This is a 6-week study and will be led by Patricia Hamilton in *Room 123*. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the *Gathering Place*. Everyone is invited!

Description:

It's the question that answers just about everything for everybody, for the rest of our lives, and at every stage of our lives. It brings clarity and fresh insight for each decision we have to make. It pierces the fog of our self-deception and erases all those shades of gray that cloud our reasoning. It takes us beyond simple right and wrong, beyond what's merely legal, beyond the lowest common denominator. And if we're honest with ourselves, God will use this question in the deepest parts of our lives to help take us to the place of our fullest potential.





Bradenton Marauders Baseball

2016 FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT



FEATURING CONCERT BY PETER FURLER & HIS BAND former lead singer of Newsboys!

Food Package is an additional \$7.00 and includes: cheese or hamburger, chicken sandwich or hotdog, chips and a 24oz fountain drink. The food package has to be purchased at time of ticket!



AT MCKECHNIE FIELD!

Friday, May 20th at 6:30 PM Bradenton Marauder's vs. Dunedin Blue Jays!
6:30 PM

SPECIAL OFFER FOR GROUPS 10+!

Looking for a fun night of fellowship for your congregation? The Marauders can help you hit a home run for one of your outings. Come out to our Faith & Family Night for the experience of a lifetime!

For \$8, each guest will receive:

- Infield Box or Reserve ticket to the game.
- FREE Marauders baseball hat
- FREE souvenir fountain drink
- FREE Marauders t-shirt (first 750 through the gates)
- Group PA welcome and name on the message board during the game
- FREE live post-game concert by Peter Furler & his band (27 #1 hits)!

Enjoy reflections by Marauders team members about their faith before the game

To reserve your tickets, please call the office 941-776-1539.



www.BradentonMarauders.com

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All ticket orders must be in by Thursday May 5th



Chancel Choir Notes

I would like to thank all of the wonderful people that have contributed to choir this year with their time, talents, and passion for praising God through music. We have grown this past year to as many as 43, what a blessing. We are sad to see our winter members head back north but look forward to the fall when they return. I am so thankful for all that are able to be part of the choir year round. We have more room for others. Our goal is 60 members. If you like to sing, have a heart to praise the Lord, we welcome you to join our choir family. We meet at 7:00 PM on Thursday nights. Please consider this your invitation to sing with us.

As a choir we would like to extend a special thank you to all of the seamstresses for making and repairing costumes for the cantata. Thank you to Christy McIlwaine for all her patience with us in rehearsals. A big thank you to all that help set and tear down the "set," and Justin Powers for moving chairs and equipment several times for us. Thank you to our audiovisual crew! Thank you to Jon Godfrey for his assistance with slides and everything else one could think of. We would also like to thank our families for affording us the time for the extra rehearsals. May God bless.

Kidz.com

The children's choir meets in the choir room at 9:15-9:45 AM Sunday mornings. Hope to see your little ones there to sing with us.

Thrift Cottage News

Tired of watching politics, thinking about all the things you used to do, what the family is doing in those faraway places? We have the answer! Come to the PUMC thrift cottage and join our family. I promise you will find just the volunteer position you have been searching for. Whether you have an hour or six hours, we have a position for **YOU!** Call Phyllis @ 941-920-3829 or the Cottage during 10-4PM Monday-Saturday, 941-776-3262. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

***VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME;
THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART ~~~~Elizabeth Andrew***

**Thrift Cottage Telephone Number: 776-3161
Thrift Cottage Annex Telephone Number: 776-0684**

Remember: SMART PEOPLE SHOP THRIFT!!



End of Life Planning Seminar

Taking care of each other is what community is all about. Our own church member, Stephen Pawley, has received permission from Dignity Memorial, the company he is associated with, to have a FREE CATERED SEMINAR for our church on Sunday, May 22nd at 12:30 PM. The seminar will explain how to reduce the stress and cost of your last wishes. Dignity already has special programs for churches, as well as for veterans, that make all your options affordable. Seminar will **only** be for information. Sign up table will be available at the church. For further details, please contact Stephen Pawley at 941-504-0223 or sepawley@gmail.com



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The shoeboxes we fill for the children in November

In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!



Hygiene Items

May

May is the month to buy non-liquid hygiene items for your shoe box(es): toothbrushes, toothpaste (watch expiration date), bar soap, combs, brushes, washcloths, wet wipes, chapstick, deodorant, bath scrubbers, bath toy, etc. **Do not include liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins.**

"I absolutely loved the washcloth. As an orphan I had to share a towel with about 20 kids. So when I got the washcloth I actually thought it was my own personal towel." –Vladimir, Russia


"The toothbrush meant a lot because before I had to share my toothbrush with 25 other girls."

–Yuri, Honduras



PUMC Birthday Calendar



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Alicia Osorio Lee Post Christina Ross	2 Dell Clough Lori Racky Alix Warren Sharon Sellers	3 Bob Seckman Paul Sindoris	4 Kaylena Biamonte Culver Lussier Brandee Wise	5 Jennifer Bryan Jill Lawrence Gavin Schultes Susan Youngblood	6 David Osorio Rebecca Parrish Dick Woolbert Christine May	7
8 Kristin Niles	9 Connie Tissier	10 Christopher Beckett Sandy Nice	11 Gage Lentz Ken Shawver	12 Paul Bishop	13 Robert Crew Gary Nice	14 Mick Beaver
15 	16 Linda Brit Jolie Druotrex	17 Trenton Longpre Marilyn Parker Eyan Weinkein	18 Kelly Cardinal	19	20 Carter Bane	21 Andrew Roberts
22 Sarah Hornsby Mikinzi Jackson	23 Darcy Juday Malcolm Norwood Cathy Strate	24 Linda Gorski Michael Hartz Kenneth McClain Ilene Rose Jean Young	25 Dale Hampton Jr	26 Ethan Niles	27	28 Dave Leonard Elissa Willing
29 Don Burkhardt Tracy Brown	30	31 Chad Goldsmith Janet Blair				

**God Bless Your
Special Day**

PUMC Activity Calendar

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EACH SUNDAY: Traditional Worship 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Blended Worship 11:11 AM Sunday School for All ages at 9:45 AM	2	3 7:00 AM Worship Design 10:00 AM Small Group Study	4 6:30 PM Youth Ministry 6:30 PM Kidz Nite 6:30 PM Bible Study	5 6:00 PM Leadership Team 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Youth Band Practice 8:30 PM CrossLight Practice	6	7 11:00 AM Food Distribution 11:00 AM Community Luncheon 1:00 PM Special Events Team
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