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Monthly Newsletter of Parrish United Methodist Church

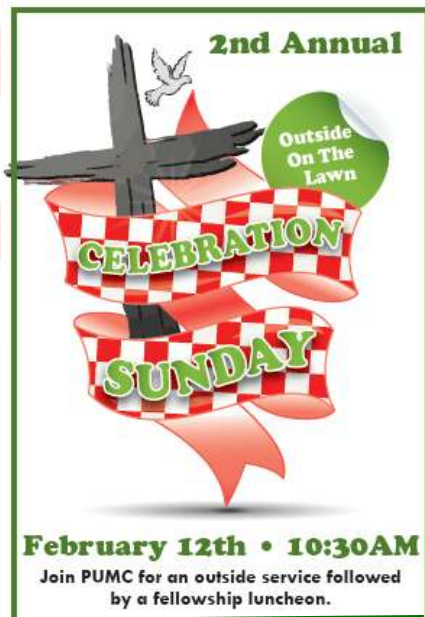
## \*2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION SUNDAY\*

On Sunday, February 12th we will be combining our 2nd and 3rd services of the morning and taking it outside to worship on the lawn.

### Schedule for Feb 12th:

- 8:15 AM: Traditional Service in the *Sanctuary* (as usual)
- 10:30 AM: Service on the Lawn
- 11:45 - 1:30: Fellowship Luncheon

Shortly after the 10:30 service, we'll be having a church wide fellowship luncheon. Pulled pork and drinks will be provided (& hot dogs for kids). We welcome your side dish or dessert, but it's not required. We are looking for helping hands. If you can lend an hour, maybe two, please contact Jill Rogers (941-776-1337 or [jill@parrishumc.com](mailto:jill@parrishumc.com)). Bring a comfy lawn chair or picnic blanket if you desire. Come Rain or Shine for a spectacular time!



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Mon.-Thurs.:  
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Friday:  
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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

# Coming Events

- ✝ 02/01 M.O.P.S. 9:30 AM
- ✝ 02/02 Leadership Team Meeting 6PM
- ✝ 02/05 Pancake Breakfast 9AM-1PM
- ✝ 02/05 Will Workshop 12:30 PM
- ✝ 02/07 Stephen Minister's General Mtg. 6:30 PM
- ✝ 02/07 O.C.C. Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM
- ✝ 02/08 M.O.P.S. 9:30 AM
- ✝ 02/09 Thrift Cottage Board Meeting 9:00 AM
- ✝ 02/09 Administrative Team Meeting 7PM
- ✝ 02/11 Food Distribution Day 11AM
- ✝ 02/12 Celebration Sunday 10:30 AM
- ✝ 02/15 M.O.P.S. 9:30 AM
- ✝ 02/19 New Membership Class 12:30 PM
- ✝ 02/24-02/26 Confirmation Retreat
- ✝ 02/25 Food Distribution Day 11AM  
..... Free Community Lunch
- ✝ 02/26 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 4:00 PM



# New Member 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, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

*“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”*

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# New Bible Study

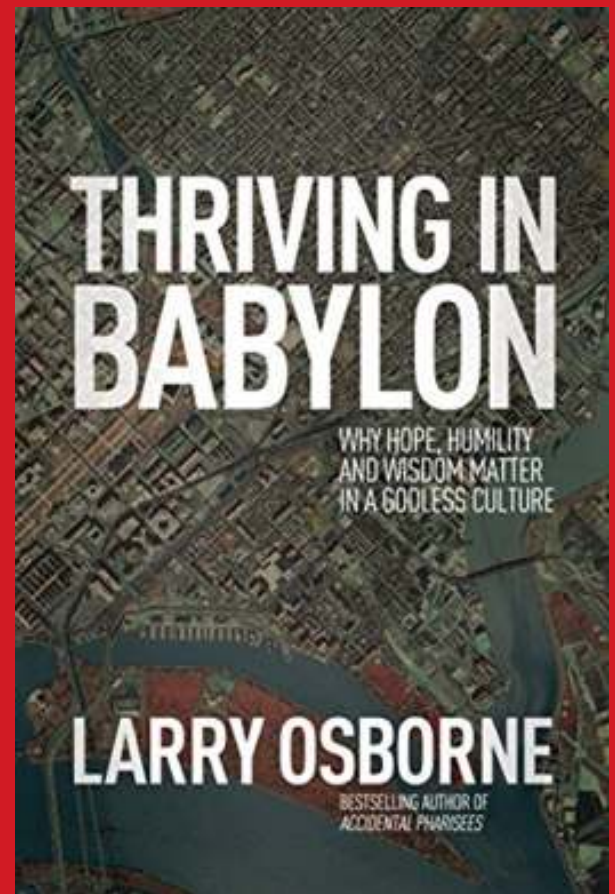
Beginning Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am in *Room 123*. The news headlines of our day tend to make people get angry or bury their head in the sand. It's tough to know how Christians are supposed to live in a godless culture. Join us as we go to scripture to show us how God wants us to live in challenging times and as we really discuss how to live as Christians in a world that is increasingly hostile toward Christianity.

Even in Babylon, God Is in Control

In *Thriving in Babylon*, Larry Osborne explores the “adult” story of Daniel to help us not only survive – but actually thrive in an increasingly godless culture. Here Pastor Osborne looks at:

- Why panic and despair are never from God
- What true optimism looks like
- How humility disarms even our greatest of enemies
- Why respect causes even those who will have nothing to do with God to listen
- How wisdom can snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat

For those who know Jesus and understand the full implications of the cross, the resurrection, and the promises of Jesus, everything changes – not only in us, but also in our world. Dr. Larry Osborne



# Stephen Ministry News

My name is Sue Ellen Campbell. I grew up in a small rural area of Ohio. I was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Minerva, Ohio. My church had a youth class on Sunday evenings. I was fortunate to have two Christian leaders who guided me through my teenage years with wisdom, encouragement and love. During the summers of my junior and senior year of high school, I was the church secretary. That was a challenge and an eye opening responsibility of keeping the pastoral office running smoothly and efficiently while maintaining a sense of humor which, at times, was trying. I know the experience I felt influenced my thinking of how I could help others that were less fortunate.

I was commissioned as a Stephen Minister through First Congregational Church in Akron in 2009. I prayed and listened with the women to help them find inner peace from a loss, sickness, accident or any misfortune in their life, and in 2010 completed and was commissioned as a Christ Care Series group leader through Stephen Ministries. First Congregational Church offered me the opportunity to start a program to help battered women and their children. My life changed dramatically as I observed, week after week, their excitement about their new independence as we worked together as a group to bring back the feeling of self-worth, independence and God's plan for them and their children. I called it a new lease on life, under my breath, as all of them enriched my life with laughter, their street smarts, forgiveness and God's love. Being a Stephen Minister is a wonderful opportunity to help others with God's help.

Psalms 100 was the prayer we prayed together before ending our meetings.

1. *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.*
2. *Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*
3. *Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*
4. *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*
5. *For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

The next **Stephen Minister's Meeting** is scheduled for Feb 7th instead of the 14th at 7:00 pm.

## Meet our Stephen Minister Sue Ellen Campbell



Stephen Ministers are only the CAREgivers  
Christ is the CUREgiver

# Stephen Ministry News

Thank you Stephen Ministry Leaders/PUMC for selecting me to attend the Leaders Training Conference (LTC) in Orlando this past January 8-14th. As one of 250 plus participants from 44 states, I was fortunate to have a North Carolina Pastor as a prayer partner for the week and was one of 8 amazing caring and giving Christians at table #3 (See picture).

## What is A Stephen Minister:

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry is built to last—going strong for over 20 or even 30 years in hundreds of congregations.

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

## Humble Beginnings of Stephens Ministry:

Stephen Ministers was founded by a young, well educated and broke ordained minister/clinical psychologist with a PHD. Kenneth Haugks' modest beginnings in a single bedroom apartment with his wife and newborn daughter began with a grant. Today Dr Haugk is widower after his wife's long battle with cancer having experienced first hand the painful realities life throws at us.

## Today and Scope of this Incredible Training:

- More than 12,000 congregations have enrolled in the Stephen Series.
- More than 70,000 pastors and lay leaders from those congregations have been equipped at Leader's Training Courses.
- More than 600,000 laypeople have received Stephen Minister training.
- More than one-and-a-half-million people have had a Stephen Minister to walk with them, providing one-to-one Christian care during tough times.

## What went on that week:

A staff of 25 from the Stephen Ministers headquarters in St Louis meticulously delivered probably the best training this financial adviser has ever experienced in 30 years of practice. I participated in workshops, roleplaying, work lunches and dinners that on 3/7 days started at 8am and ended at 9pm. I learned the very detailed system that has quietly and caringly, since 1975, delivered care-giving to over a half million "care receivers" or "people hurting" from life's realities (sickness, tragedies, unemployment, financial concerns, health issues and much more).

## What Now:

My very moving experience at the LTC Conference has equipped me, and thus our congregations Leaders and Stephen Ministers with a "Teaching System and Tools" to assist Pastor Chris in "prayerfully caring" for our members and non-members in our growing community.

If you experience a friend or a family member that feels sadness or altered emotions or feels alone, please call our church. This care is entirely confidential—no one knows the identity of a care receiver except for his or her Stephen Minister and the pastor or Stephen Leader who paired the two together.

***Thank You Parrish United Methodist Church, God has forever left his loving and caring "print" on me.***

Robert "Trey" Layman III



# O.C.C. Car Show



Join us in 2017 for our first full year of OCC Ministry. Be a part of this growth and share God's word with all the little children of the world.

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday**  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**  
**Room 109**

**MATTHEW 28:18-20**  
"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."

*A Great Event for the Whole Family!*

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- Music for All!

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**OUR MISSION:** Operation Christmas Child demonstrates God's love to hurting children in a tangible way by partnering with churches to deliver gift filled shoeboxes and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

# Route 66 Youth

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



Youth Leaders – Joe & Julie McNaughton

Our youth students have begun a new series, "VIVID", which will challenge them to evaluate their faith *and* their actions to see where the two don't match up. During our time together on Wednesday nights, they are exploring the power of words, the dangers of favoritism and the futility of trying to love both the world and God. These discussion points will help them to realign their actions in order to live a life of vivid faith.

Confirmation Class 2017 is now underway. The youth students are meeting on Wednesday evenings through February and will attend a weekend retreat on February 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these students in prayer as they are progressing on this faith journey together. You can learn more about these young people on the Confirmation board in the main hall near the kitchen. They will be confirmed and received into church membership on Sunday, March 5th.

These opportunities for spiritual growth are, of course, a primary reason of why we meet. But we also meet regularly in order to put into practice what we have learned. The practice of loving others through all types of experiences, when it is easy and when it is less easy. As Paul wrote in Romans, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 13:10)

## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>



**9 am - 1 pm**  
**Youth Hall**

pancakes  
scrambled eggs  
sausage  
coffee  
juice  
muffins

Donations accepted to help  
send our youth students to  
Warren Willis Camp this summer.

Our youth are also planning and raising funds for their trip to camp this summer. Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 5th in the Youth Hall. Come anytime between 9 am and 1 pm for a delicious meal of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and coffee served to you by our youth. You won't want to miss it!

### Upcoming Events:

Feb. 5	Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 19	Youth Band Sunday
Feb. 24-26	Confirmation Retreat
Mar. 5	Confirmation
Mar. 18	Car Show

6th–12th graders are always welcome to join us in the Youth Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesdays. We mix 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 [mnaughton@parrishumc.com](mailto:mnaughton@parrishumc.com).

## SUNDAY MORNING KID'S HOUR

At 9:45 and 11:11, Kid's Hour is filled with fun activities as we learn about the parables that Jesus used to teach us about God's love.

Our memory verse: Everyone who has ears should pay attention. Luke 8:8



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are experiencing wonderful growth in our children ministry and are in need of more volunteers. Our nursery, preschool and elementary children need volunteers Sunday mornings at our 9:45 and 11:11 Kid's Hour.

Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am, volunteers are needed to help with the MOPPETS, the children of the moms who are attending the MOPS group. Please call the church office for more information: 776-1539

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will be hosting a regional **Maker Fun Factory** "Funshop". This is a great kick-off event for VBS. An ambassador from Group Publishing will be giving us great insight and suggestions with lots of hands on activities to help us make VBS a fun, exciting and meaningful experience for our kids. Other churches will be attending and all of our volunteers are encouraged to attend. Please call the church office for more information. 776-1539.



**JUNE 12 – 16**  
**6:30 – 8:45 PM**

# Children's Ministry

Ethel Pawley

Families look forward to Valentine's Day as a time specifically set aside to express their love and appreciation for each other. Actually, it involves more than just a day. It starts with the anticipation of buying just the perfect card to go along with just the perfect gift. However, the most perfect gift families can give each other is Jesus' love. This is the only love that transcends all imperfections, faces all of life's challenges and weathers the good and the bad without wavering or changing. This is the love that provides the framework for a child to grow with a sense of security and safety. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 13:4-8, "4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails." This is at the heart of what every child yearns to receive, a love that is accepting of who they are just as they have been created by God. This love is humanly impossible without Jesus. So be encouraged, just when you think you have exhausted your love quotient; allow Jesus to fill you with His inexhaustible love. Before you know it, every day becomes Valentine's Day.



# Financial News . . .

## 2016 Financial Summary

During 2016, our church received contributions to the General Operating Fund (01) in the amount of \$553,212 which was approximately \$11,000 **over** the budgeted amount of \$542,296 and nearly \$18,000 over the previous year contributions total. Our expenses totaled \$540,202 which was \$7,700 **under** the budgeted expectation of \$547,958. The combination of these two items resulted in a surplus in the General Operating Fund of approximately \$20,000. The surplus was distributed among existing reserves and a new Roof Reserve was created to fund the replacement of the current building's roof in the future.

The Building Fund (02) received \$25,119 in congregational contributions, \$89,000 from the PUMC Thrift Cottage contributions, \$16,604 from the 3% giving from the General Operating Fund and approximately \$4,500 from other miscellaneous sources. The total income to the Building Fund was approximately \$136,000.

The Scrip Fund (05) has a 'distributable balance' of \$3,271.06 as of the year-end. The Administrative Ministry Team voted to contribute 50% of this total to assist with funding for the 2017 Ecuador mission trip and 50% was moved to the Building Fund.

## United Methodist Foundation Deposits

At the end of December, the church has \$445,172 on deposit at the UM Foundation. This amount is on deposit across three accounts, two participation accounts and one investment account. The funds are restricted as follows:

### **Permanently Restricted:**

Building Fund	\$ 262,400
Endowments	35,710

### **Temporarily Restricted**

Operating Reserve	\$ 10,000
Capital Replacement	27,600
Blackstone Reserve	95,874

<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 13,589</b>
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## Other Reserves

In addition to restricted funds held at the UM Foundation the church has \$35,043 in other restricted funds on deposit with the local bank. Included in this total is an additional \$8,292 in Operating Reserves. Also, on deposit at the church's local bank is an additional \$28,423 in permanently restricted Building Funds. As a rule, when this balance exceeds \$50,000 it is transferred to the UM Foundation.

Thank you for your continued financial support of our church. The Administrative Ministry Team is working diligently to ensure that we have adequate funding for the future growth of our church and the ministries we support in our community. If you have any questions about the church finances please contact our Treasurer, Bill Hancock, at (941) 929-6122 or by email at [bill@parrishumc.com](mailto:bill@parrishumc.com).

# PUMC Birthday Calendar

## February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Reid King Sarah Rich Henry Sheldon	2	3 Megan Keegan Marilyn Kennedy Jocelyn Niles Andrew Osborne Spence Valenzano	4 Deborah Francisco Carlve Pepe
5 Aidan Cook Mary Jane Erbeck Shelby Overstreet Simone Stoltz	6 Ron Edwards Julian Grover Cathy Stephens Tom Walker	7 Zoe Randolph	8 Spencer Evans Helen B. McClaren Madison Wade	9 Charles Collins Emily Cook Mckenzie Klenkosky Ryan Schmidt	10 Katy Cardinal	11 Marianne Goemmel Jerry Streb
12 Erin Fenske Tony Lopera Gordon Powers Jim Van Swol	13 Ronald Drummheller	14 Judy Genrich Nikki Gingrich Keenan McRoberts	15 Evelyn Ford	16 Louie Hamlin	17 Joyce Hearnue John McDonald Donice Michael Larry Tissier	18 Darian Abbas
19 Diane White	20 Crystal Carney Skye Carney Sandra Kittinger Karen Leskinen Sam Lindsay	21 Sharon Keene Lorraine Peel Carolyn Schwalm	22 Barbara Rylott Peggy Terry	23 Sandy Brasfield Kathy Dean Howard Smith Eileen Wilcox	24	25 Scott Bush Chloe Henry Gloria Osner Karen Ramser
26 Morgan McGinnis Leslie Osorio Garry Vanden Berg	27 Cloe Carlson	28 Calvin Bishop				



**GOD BLESS YOUR  
SPECIAL DAY**

