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A Word from Pastor Chris

Dear Members and Friends of Parrish United Methodist Church,

Churches running thrift stores is nothing new. Personally, I've served at three churches during my years as a pastor that ran such stores. They can be valuable sources of revenue for a church and a way that church members can get involved in a ministry.

But how much do you know about our two thrift stores, the Cottage and Annex? Maybe you know we are constantly looking for volunteers. There is much to do in this ministry, and our wonderful volunteers serve in different areas, such as helping run the stores and serve those who come to shop, sorting donations, assisting in keeping up with maintenance needs, or occasionally picking up donations and supplies for day to day operations. Basically, regardless of your skills, there is something you can do. And we do need you!

Maybe you are aware of how much the thrift stores have contributed to the building mortgage over the years? The initial vision behind this ministry was to provide additional revenue when the church was looking toward expansion in the early 90's. It is largely because of these stores, and the faithful volunteers who have served over the years, that today our church is debt free and building reserves for our future expansion. I can say, without reservation, that we would not be the church we are today without this impactful ministry and the hours so many have put into it.

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Coming events:

- ✝ 05/03 New Bible Study Begins 6:30 PM
Share Jesus Without Fear
- ✝ 05/03 Mother's of Preschoolers (MOPS) 9:30AM
- ✝ 05/04 Leadership Team Meeting 6:00 PM
- ✝ 05/07 Graduation Recognition 9:45 AM
- ✝ 05/09 Stephen Minster's Mtg. 7:00 PM
- ✝ 05/11 Thrift Cottage Board Meeting 9:00 AM
- ✝ 05/11 Administrative Team Meeting 7:00 PM
- ✝ 05/12 Faith & Family Night 6:30 PM
Cardinals at Marauders
- ✝ 05/13 Food Distribution Day 11:00 AM
- ✝ 05/16 VBS Meeting 6:30 PM
- ✝ 05/16 New Tuesday AM Bible Study Begins 10:00 AM
The Invisible War
- ✝ 05/17 MOPS Year End Celebration 9:30 AM
- ✝ 05/23 Stephen Minster's Mtg. 7:00 PM
- ✝ 05/24 Kidz Nite Year End Celebration 6:30 PM
- ✝ 05/27 Food Distribution Day 11:00 AM
Community Luncheon 11:00 AM
- ✝ 05/29 Memorial Day/Office Closed

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I Love You

Happy Mother's Day

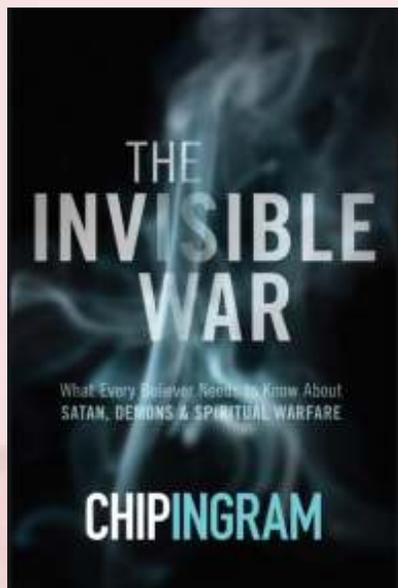
Mom, you are invited!
Muffins for Mom
Sunday, April 14th

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



New Tuesday AM Bible Study

Join us for a new Bible Study, *The Invisible War*, by Chip Ingram. This study begins in scripture with our identity and position in Christ, and is a resource that is warm, personal, biblically accurate, and spiritually helpful in guiding believers in an understanding of the spiritual world. This 8 week study will start on Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00 am in *Room 123*, and will be led by Patricia Hamilton.



A Word from Pastor Chris Continued

Maybe you already know all this. But possibly you don't know about the impact of the Thrift Stores that brings me the most joy; the difference this ministry makes in the lives of those beyond our church. Did you know that over the years our thrift stores have supported ministries and community outreach well beyond our congregation? Through donations our stores have supported One Stop (a homeless ministry in Bradenton), Women's Resource Center (and other women's ministries), Foster Care Support Foundation, Family Home Health Services, Bikers Against Child Abuse and the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center. Recently our Thrift Annex has begun making furniture and home good donations to non-profits that support homeless veterans, such as Veterans First, My Warriors Place and Vietnam Vets of America. In addition, local schools such as Blackburn Elementary, Palm View Elementary and Southeast High have received donations from our stores. And there are more, but I don't have the space to list them all.

The point is, our Thrift Stores are a ministry with an internal and external impact. Internally, it is a vital ministry in supporting the growth of the church. Externally, it is a way we can live out the Gospel mandate to care for all people, especially those who face economic challenges and material needs. I challenge each of us to pray for this ministry, and if you feel so called, to get involved in helping us continue this significant and life changing work. Our thrift stores make a difference, and I thank each of you who have been or continue to be a part of this important work.

Blessings in Christ,
Chris



Route 66 Youth

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

Youth Leaders – Joe & Julie McNaughton

We are coming into the home stretch. Of school, that is. Just this month of May until students, teachers and parents get a well-deserved break from the rushing around during the school year. As we juggle these last weeks of tests, projects, ceremonies, field trips and festivities, we may often feel weary. This is the time to pull strength from any source possible. Paul reminds us that although there are hardships in life, we pull strength from Christ to get through them, whatever they may be. The early church certainly faced hardships as well. Of course, ours are not the same, but we can still apply the same principle to our lives today: *“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:18)* This month, we will be discussing Paul and the early church. We will explore that strength that comes from God and how we can support each other throughout our challenges. And we will rejoice in our gifts and talents. We welcome any 6th-12th grader to come join us on Wednesday nights anytime.

We are gearing up for exciting summer options for our youth students! Our “Maker Mania” Adventure will be a special part of our church’s “Maker Fun Factory” especially designed for Middle School students! This week of fun and adventure will run in the evenings during the week of **June 12-16**. Go ahead and get registered for this free event by visiting the church website at www.parrishumc.com.

And both middle and high school students have the option of attending camp at Warren Willis Camp in Leesburg, Florida. We will be attending as a group during the week of **June 26 - July 1**. Registration is online at the camp website: www.warrenwilliscamp.org/summercamp.

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 mcnaughton@parrishumc.com.

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 7th

9:45 am Service

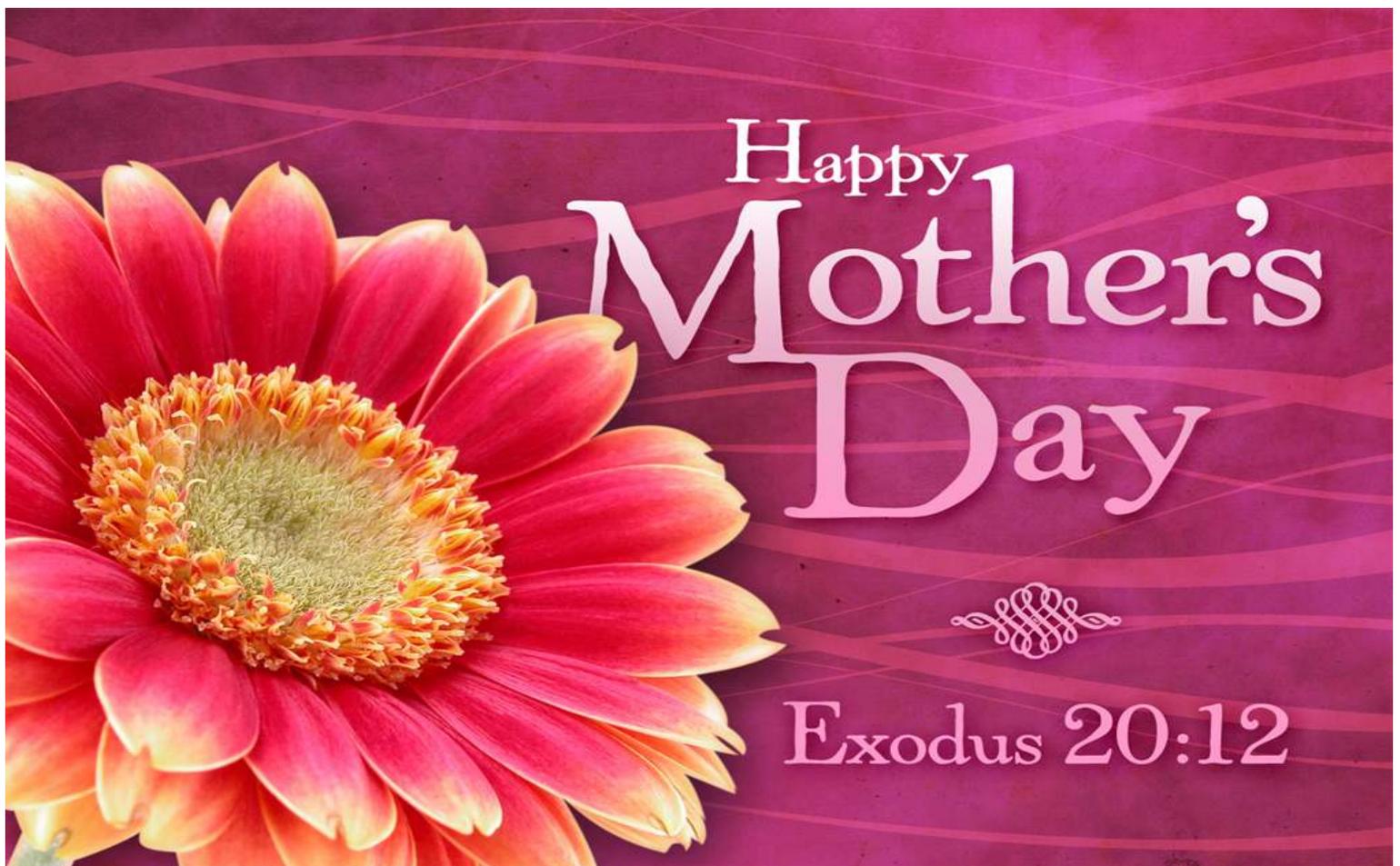


PACK-A-SACK 4 KIDS

The Pack-A-Sack 4 Kids (PAS4K) program remains strong (now at 79 students each week) as we continue to the end of the 2016-2017 school year. A few of our food items have presented us with challenges, but we have been able to obtain all that we need to support the program. As you know, this program provides weekend food to supplement the school breakfast and lunch. The school system has a summer lunch program at several sites and we encourage you to support their efforts.

In addition to the food bags, we are now helping the school clinic with hygiene items. These items are distributed to students in need and as a supplement to their hygiene classes for 4th and 5th grade students. We look forward to the 2017-2018 school year, with school starting in August.

Our new area high school is looking for an identity – a name if you will – that will identify the location and provide an opportunity to represent and be identified with Parrish and it's surroundings. Several names have been suggested to the people who will make this decision. They include North River High School and Travis Seawright High School. The school will be constructed between 69th Street and Erie Road on Martha Road. You can offer your opinion by email to communications@manateeschools.net, or by mail to New School Names, Manatee School Support Center, 215 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205. A new elementary has been proposed as well for the land on Moccasin Wallow Road near the entrance to Copperstone.



Children's Ministry

Ethel Pawley

The month of May is busy with many important events and celebrations that involve family and friends. The day that gets the most attention is Mother's Day. A cultural tradition, the day celebrates having a mother and being a mother. The Bible is full of examples of mothers and how God created each one with unique personalities and skills which impacted the way they raised their children. With all the numerous websites, blogs, etc. that offer advice about child raising, it can seem quite overwhelming. But the best advice always comes from God's Word. It may not specifically talk about infant milestones, sleepless nights, homework, sports, or many of the issues and challenges that mothers face. But it does offer encouragement to pray, to focus on God's purpose for you as a mother, to recognize and value the unique and individual characteristics of each child, to see your child through the eyes of God and not the culture, to give you the support and courage to make hard decisions, and to give you godly confidence in place of worldly confidence. And there is not a mother, past, present, or future, that is perfect, but God's perfect grace can overcome any and all mistakes. As we celebrate Mother's Day, be encouraged; see your mother and yourself with God's grace and know it is not about being a perfect mother but a godly mother with abundant grace.



Registration is open:

“Maker Fun Factory”

June 12th – 16th 6:30-8:45 pm

Children entering VPK-8th Grade can experience a week of exciting games, singing, crafts, snacks and making new friends as they learn they are:

Created by God Built for a Purpose!

Space is limited so register now at:

www.parrishumc.com

Volunteer Opportunities: Call church office
776-1539 or ethel@parrishumc.com

Mark your Calendar:

- May 3rd MOPS Meeting 9:30-11:30 am Room 125
- May 17th MOPS Year End Celebration 9:30-11:30 am Room 125
- May 24th Kidz Nite Year End Celebration 6:30-8:00 pm Room 112
- June 10th -11th Maker Fun Factory Final Preparations
- June 12th -16th Maker Fun Factory 6:30-8:45 pm
- June 18th Maker Fun Factory Celebration Service 9:45 am

TOYS

SOCCER BALLS

GAMES

BEADS

WOW



PRAYER CONCERN:

There is still over 440 Million of Lost Children in the Middle East alone! Yes, Countless Children do not know of Jesus and His Love!

The Greatest Journey Classes give Children around the world a chance to accept HIM!

2016 OCC STATISTICS

We give all our praises to God that more than 11.5 Million shoeboxes were collected in 2016.

Proverbs reminds us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Please pray for Operation Christmas Child project, as we continue to trust in Him to direct this global outreach. Only through Christ can we accomplish His work TOGETHER!

WOW GIFTS FOR MAY

We are collecting Toys, Games and Soccer Balls. There are bins in the Gathering Place for your donations!

**THE OCC TEAM IS COLLECTING
MARDI GRAS AND ST. PADDY'S DAY BEADS – BRING US ANY YOU
WISH TO DONATE TO THIS CAUSE!**



A wise person once said: "Fix your eyes on Jesus. Your gaze saves you but your stare makes you holy!"

Stephen Ministry News

What does being a Stephen Minister mean to me.

Being a Stephen Minister, I believe, is a calling. I am anxious to begin this new chapter and practice the tools we learned in Stephen Ministry class and continue to learn and grow in God's light.

Thoughts and Feelings:

In life, we all face our challenges. Therefore, through the good times, the bad times, frightening events and wearisome trials, I have grown closer to the Lord and grown stronger through His Greatness and love. I have a willingness to learn and grow in all things. Having the Lord by my side to impart guidance in my future care receivers, I believe will strengthen and nurture my own beliefs and help bring peace to those whose lives I may touch.

Motto for my Stephen Ministry:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." **Deuteronomy 31:6**

Why this passage exemplifies Stephen Ministry:

This passage speaks to me because as I let the Lord guide me, He will be there by my side as the healer to my care receivers. He will give me the strength and supervision to learn and grow in my own faith and not vacillate in my quest of Stephen Ministry.

Meet our Stephen Minister Diane White



Stephen Ministers are only the CAREgivers
Christ is the CUREgiver

Stephen Ministry Calendar

SM Leader's Meeting - May 2 at 8:00—9:30 am

SM Meeting - May 9th at 7:00 - 9:00 pm

SM Leader's Meeting - May 16 at 8:00—9:30 am

SM Meeting - May 23 at 7:00 - 9:00 pm

A close-up photograph of a pink flower with several large, overlapping petals, positioned at the top center of the page.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are here:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away-and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you-or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives –and provide comfort and support for as long as *after* is needed.





Contributing? We've got an APP for that!!!

In partnership with *Vanco Payment Solutions* (our electronic contribution processing company) you can now easily contribute to the church using your smart phone.

The contribution APP is named *joyfully2UMC* and is available on either Google Play or the Apple APP Store. Simply download the APP to your phone, search for "Parrish UMC", set our church as your home church and contribute to any of our funds using either a credit or debit card.

If you would like more details about the application, go to www.joyfully2UMC.org.

In addition to the smart phone application you can set up a recurring contribution to the church using credit, debit or direct transfer from your bank account. Contact the church office at (941) 776-1539 for more information.

New Bible Study

Ever wish you had an easy way to express to others the joy you've found in Christ?

Ever regret not sharing the simple Truths because you were afraid?

If you answered yes to either, you are not alone. *Share Jesus Without Fear* can help you learn practical ways to present the compelling message of God's saving grace from author Bill Fay.

Share Jesus Without Fear equips you to communicate your faith in Jesus with confidence and without fear! This easy-to-use, relational approach to witnessing teaches that you cannot fail in sharing your faith if you depend on the power of God for the [results](#). Discover ways to guide a witnessing conversation without fear of failure or rejection.

Beginning Wednesday, May 3rd, at 6:30 pm in Room 123, this study will be led by Bob Juday. There is a sign-up sheet in the *Gathering Place*.

Thrift Cottage News

The Thrift Stores will be moving to summer hours on Monday, May 1st. We will open at 10:00 AM, and close at 2:00 PM, Monday - Saturday. We will continue to take donations which need to be sorted, marked, steamed, displayed and sold. If you see yourselves earning any of those "Salty Service" coins during the summers, just come to the "cottage" and ask for Linda or Phyllis and we will give you a task. If your skills lean more towards the maintenance side, we have gardens and grounds to be groomed and also out buildings to be tidied. Thank you for your continued service. You all are a blessing to all we serve.

***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!!**

PUMC Activity Calendar

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:00 AM Worship Design 8:00 AM Stephen Leaders 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry	9:30 AM M.O.P.S 6:30 PM Kidz Nite 6:30 PM Youth Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Share Jesus Bible Study 8:30 PM CrossLight Practice	6:00 PM Leadership Team Mtg 7:00 PM Choir Practice		
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	MEMORIAL DAY	7:00 AM Worship Design 10:00 AM Bible Study	6:30 PM Youth Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Share Jesus Bible Study 8:30 PM CrossLight Practice			

PUMC Birthday Calendar

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Alicia Osorio Lee Post Christina Ross Ted Long	2 Dell Clough Lori Racky Sharon Sellers	3 Bob Seckman Paul Sindoris	4 Kaylena Biamonte Brandee Wise	5 Jennifer Bryan Jill Lawrence Gavin Schultes Susan Youngblood	6 David Osorio Rebecca Parrish Dick Woolbert Christine May
7 Brogan McGinnis Rebecca Spangler	8 Kristin Niles Eric Parrish	9 Connie Tissier Madeline Bailey Annalise Bailey	10 Christopher Beckett Sandy Nice	11 Gage Lents Ken Shawver	12 Paul Bishop	13 Robert Crew Gary Nice
14 Mick Beaver Allison Bailey	15	16 Linda Brit Jolie Druolrex	17 Trenton Longpre Marilyn Parker Evan Weinkein	18 Kelly Cardinal	19 	20 Carter Bane Ruth Streb
21 Andrew Roberts	22 Sarah Hornsby Mikinzl Jackson Jim White	23 Darcy Juday Malcolm Norwood Cathy Strate	24 Michael Hartz Kenneth McClain Ileene Rose Jean Young	25 Dale Hampton Jr Greg Taylor	26 Ethan Niles Corey Threatt	27
28 Dave Leonard Elissa Willing Caroline Zisk	29 Don Burkhardt Tracy Brown	30	31 Chad Goldsmith Janet Blair			

**God Bless Your
Special Day**