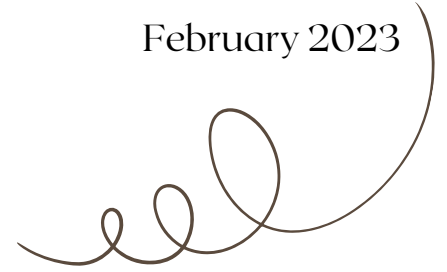




The Olive Branch



A Word From Pastor Alex



2023 has started off with a “bang” for Parker Global Methodist Church! Our church has been running wide open since the last Sunday in December, which was Christmas day!

We had the privilege of welcoming Betsy Meer as our newest member to close out 2022. And since then we’ve had five more join the church! If you do the math, that’s one person a week joining our church on average! Let’s keep up the momentum and invite our friends and family members to come grow with us.

I think the best way to invite someone to attend church is simply to ask them. Your job is to plant the seed and the Holy Spirit will take care of the rest. I also realize that not everyone can invite someone to church “cold turkey” (especially if you’re an introvert). Let me suggest you invite them to something special going on at our church like the following:

Feb. 12, Valentine’s Banquet after church. The menu includes chicken quarter, broccoli dish, potatoes, salad, dessert, and tea. And if you’re able, pay for their \$15 ticket.

Weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays. This is a good way to be involved in a small group that starts at 1:00 pm in the old fellowship hall. For those who can’t make it because of work schedule issues, we are in the process of praying and putting together a nightly Bible study. Stay tuned! More to follow.

Ash Wednesday is a great time of reflection and will be held during the day to benefit those who don’t drive at night. It will be held in the sanctuary at 1:00 pm and the dress is casual. Call up a friend and invite them to join you on February 22.

Keep up the great work for the Kingdom of God!
Alex



Charge Conference

Our first ever Global Methodist Charge Conference was held on January 9, 2023. After a short devotion and prayer, those present voted overwhelmingly to approve the 2023 budget and officers. If you would like more information on the budget please contact our church treasurer, Dawn Bellows. Please keep our church leadership in your prayers as we continue to move forward for God and His kingdom here on earth.



Special Days

Birthdays

2st Linda Fors
 10th John Shelton
 21st Janice Jennings
 22nd JoAnn Moore
 25th Jody Swem



Dates To Remember

6th Council Meeting
 9th Ladies Luncheon
 11th Men's Breakfast
 12th Valentine Banquet
 13th Emmaus Meeting
 20th President's Day
 22nd Ash Wednesday
 28th Worship Committee Meeting

Ways To Give

Give on Sunday in the offering plate.
 Mail check to
 908 S. Tyndall Parkway
 Panama City, FL 32404

Anniversary

22nd Rich & Kathy Musgrave



Congregational Care Report

During the month of January the following care was given by our
 Congregational Care Committee:

Cards mailed: 12, Visitation: 3, Home Communion: 2, Transportation: 13, Food Provision: 2,
 Follow-up Ministry: 22

If you would like to help with this vital ministry contact Pastor Alex or Judy Cholewinski.

Join us for the next
MEN'S BREAKFAST
 FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH
 February 11th @ 8:00 AM

If you have questions about any program
 or ministry Parker UMC offers, contact
 the church office.

Phone: 850-871-4747

Email: parkerumc@comcast.net

Next Council Meeting

February 6th @10:00 AM



Prayer Group

Join us every Monday at 9:00 am for Prayers. You can submit a prayer request anytime on our website: mypumc.org, by emailing or calling the church office.

My command is this:
Love each other as I have
loved you. -John 15:12

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2023
1:00 pm

In the sanctuary.

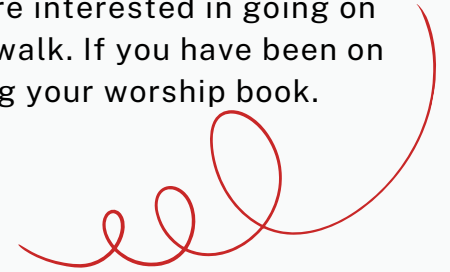
This will be in place of the weekly Bible Study.

Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon
will be Thursday, January
12th at 11:30 AM

Emmaus

Emmaus is regrouping starting February 13th at 10:00 This is for people who have been on an Emmaus walk or are interested in going on this 72 hour spiritual walk. If you have been on a walk please bring your worship book.



Visit Our Website

You can now watch a worship service, register your attendance, submit a prayer request, update your contact information & find information about upcoming events on our website:

<https://mypumc.org>

Follow the link

or scan the QR code!



Valentine Banquet

When: Sunday, February 12th

Time: 12:00 PM

Cost: \$15

Menu: Chicken quarter, broccoli dish, potatoes, salad, dessert, and tea.

You will be served by our youth and there will also be door prizes.

Call or text Brenda Hocking for tickets or for more info. Her number:

850-814-0248 (Cell) RSVP no later than Tuesday, February 7.

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Recommended Bible Readings On The Life of Paul From Pastor Alex For February

Day 1: Acts 9, How Saul became a Christian.

Day 2: Acts 16, Paul's is sent by the Holy Spirit to Macedonia.

Day 3: Acts 17, Paul's missionary journey.

Day 4: Acts 26, Paul witnesses to a king.

Day 5: Acts 27, Paul's heralding experience aboard a sinking ship.

Day 6: Acts 28, Paul arrives in Rome.

Day 7: Romans 3, The theology of Paul.

Day 8: Romans 7, The struggle with sin is real.

Day 9: Romans 8, How to life by the guidance of the Holy Spirit

Day 10: 1 Corinthians 13, The most popular chapter on love.

Day 11: 1 Corinthians 15, What happens after we die?

Day 12: Galatians 5, Your life will be set free with Jesus.

Day 13: Ephesians 3, Paul summarizes his mission trip.

Day 14: Philippians 2, How to live like Jesus.

I call the above passages the “cliff notes” of the Bible. It's something I used a few years ago from my Quest Study Bible. Why the suggested Bible readings? We are Global Methodists and the primary foundation of who we are is found in Scripture. Theologian Albert Outler coined the phrase “Wesleyan Quadrilateral.” It involves four aspects that shape our spiritual journey: reason, experience, Scripture, and tradition. While all of these are important to shaping our relationship with Jesus Christ, nothing is more important than Scripture. In the words of John Wesley (founder of Methodism), “O give me that book [Bible]! At any price, give me the book of God!” (Preface to Sermons on Several Occasions) But I think Joshua 1:8 says it best, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful.” (Amplified Bible)

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Finance Report

Greeting All

The Church Council passed the final 2023 budget. This included the raises for the staff, a much higher property insurance cost and large reduction in apportionments after joining the Global Methodist Church. We anticipate an annual income of about \$131,000 and annual expenses of \$155,000, which is an annual deficit of \$24,000. I am hoping with the increase in Social Security this year that givings will be slightly more than anticipated. We know the Lord had blessed us and will continue to do so with our finances.

In addition all communion offerings and funds received from outside use of our fellowship hall will go into the general operating account. With a large upcoming donation from Eastern Star, the Pastor Discretionary account will be fully funded to help our community and congregation as needed.

We are still awaiting our official name change recognition from the IRS and hope it will be done soon. They are moving at a snail's pace. However we are operating as Parker Global Methodist Church.

We are also still awaiting the official close out of our claim with FEMA. They still owe us about \$2000 but this is slow going. I am making calls to them every 2 weeks to get updates and keep our claim on top on their desks.

Thank you to everyone for your continued tithes and offerings.

Dawn Bellows, Treasurer

A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25



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