

# Parkway Presbyterian Church



## HAPPENINGS!

### WED., AUG. 5 AT 6:00 MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

Come join us for dinner, fellowship, and planning sessions among the various ministry teams. If you're not yet serving on a particular team, come and discover which one best suits your gifts and talents.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Sunday morning worship will mark Liz Peterson's first "official" day with us here at Parkway. We're very excited to have her join us as our pastor. Please make sure to welcome her in her official capacity!

### EVERY SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 WORSHIP AT 11:00

## Beginning Again

It's that time of year again! School supplies are in all the stores, a sales tax holiday is approaching, and students and teachers are preparing to go back to school. When I was a teacher, and even now as an assistant principal, I love this time. It's a time of new beginnings, of clean slates, of fresh starts.

The month of August also holds some of those same feelings for me regarding our wonderful church. This month we get the chance to begin anew with our new minister, Liz Peterson.

Of course, like a young student entering a new school, this time can also be filled with anxiety. I cannot tell you how many times I have worked to calm the nerves of a student, and quite often, parents, who are new to the school. Of course, their transition was generally very smooth once they met the teacher and unfounded fears were allayed.

As we continue through our transition and enter into this new phase, I hope we can all set aside fears and anxieties and put our trust where it always should be... but often isn't: God. In the third chapter of Proverbs, verses five and six state:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

My hope is that our whole church will look to the Lord in prayer to help us ascertain His will and His way for our church. I know that our church is full of folks ready to serve, ready to worship, ready to minister to others, ready for that new beginning, that clean slate, that fresh start.

As we welcome Reverend Peterson, let us also welcome a chance to discover new ways to share the love of God with others, welcome a chance to deepen our relationships with God, welcome a chance to serve our community and our world.

In education, we often hear the poetic words of Christa McAuliffe: "I touch the future. I teach." Perhaps during this time we could think about what we are doing as going further. Is it not possible that what God does, through us, may very well touch eternity? Let us, individually and as a church, continue to move forward, serving God.

*Blessings,  
Sheila*



## SPECIAL DATES

### AUGUST 5

6:00 - Ministry Team Dinner & Meeting

### AUGUST 8

Dorothy Ryan's Birthday

### AUGUST 13

Friendship Circle at 10:30

### AUGUST 16

Session Meeting at 5:30

### AUGUST 27

Mary Amanda Higginbotham's Birthday

### AUGUST 28

Helen Connor's Birthday

### AUGUST 30

Fred Peretz's Birthday

## Another Anniversary

John Calvin is well known by Presbyterians, but he is not necessarily well understood. Historical caricatures of his harsh and somber reputation have threatened to overshadow his remarkable gifts to the church.

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth in 2009, we Presbyterians have an opportunity to reintroduce ourselves to Calvin's legacy - his monumental contributions to theology, church government, education, language, music, and politics as well as the more troubling aspects. Take the time to get to know John Calvin better and you may find that a deeper engagement with the man and his legacy will enhance your appreciation not only of Calvin, but of the entire Presbyterian tradition. Find out more at [www.pcusa.org/calvinjubilee/](http://www.pcusa.org/calvinjubilee/)

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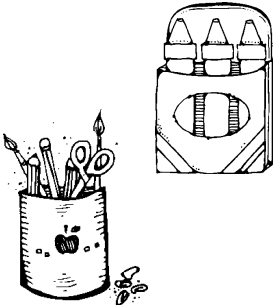
## MISSION ACTIVITIES - August

As we write this, we are in the middle of our drive for collection of backpacks for the Volunteer Ministry Center and Kristi's children. We express our thanks to those who have already donated money and backpacks. We also are thankful for those who will drop-off backpacks after this newsletter is published. Finally, the Mixed Nuts School Class will be stocking the backpacks with supplies. A special thanks to Annie for shopping for high school materials for Jaylen (Kristi's daughter).

Jean, Randy, Sue, and Terry

PS: I am often accused of belaboring points in my writing. So here goes. Most know that this is the longest running mission activity of Parkway Church. I also find it an excellent way to introduce the church to others buying school supplies. The amount we purchase certainly catches the attention of other WalMart shoppers! The economic downturn has affected all of us; church members have lost jobs and thankfully found others; family and extended members have also lost employment. The unemployment in Knox County is the highest it has been in years and from news account many people are seeking assistance for the first time, placing a strain on the social organizations in our community. I saw a church sign in the Norwood area recently and it has stayed with me. "See a need, do a deed." Often the deeds we do may not be costly to us, but assist others many times over.

Jean



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- **Frieda Mae Boatman, Gail Dunagin, Ruth Oliver, and Lou Ross...** our at-home members and family.
  - Jessica Turner's cousin, **Jennifer Braun** and newborn daughter, **Zaley**, who was born with deformed limbs.
  - **Dan Widdows**, Colleen's brother, who had a stroke that has impaired his vision.
  - **Haley Owensby**, who is adjusting to Celiac Disease
  - **Julia Camargo** and her sister **Marie Quinn**, friends of Terry Baron. Marie is battling various health issues and Julia is doing all she can to help.
  - **Francis Cleveland**, Barbara Edwards' mother, who is at Hillcrest receiving physical therapy and medical treatment.
  - **Ella Barnes**, granddaughter of Randy Owensby's coworker. Ella is struggling with several health issues. For updates, access her blog at [Ellafaithbarnes.blogspot.com](http://Ellafaithbarnes.blogspot.com)
  - **Walter Hawthorne**, a friend of Brenda Owensby. Walter is receiving treatment for cancer.
  - **Charlene Walker**, a friend of Barbara Edwards. Charlene's breast cancer has returned in her liver and lungs, so she is again undergoing chemotherapy.
  - The family of **Mary Elizabeth Williams**, cousin of Jean Peretz. Mary Elizabeth passed away from cancer June 22.
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