

# Parkway Presbyterian Church



## HAPPENINGS!

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21 FATHERS DAY COOKOUT

Come celebrate our dad's on their day with a cookout after our regularly scheduled worship. We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, dessert, and a lot of great fellowship. Whether you prefer to sit in the shade of the picnic shed or toss a frisbee around, please make plans now to join us for this special event!

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27 RUMMAGE SALE

Do you love a good bargain? Now's your time to find some great deals on a huge variety of items! Our rummage sale will begin at 9:00 and continue through 2:00. If you would like to volunteer to help sort, arrange, price (and get a sneak peek at) the rummage sale items, please contact Sheila Earl at 694-3427 or [auntobi@comcast.net](mailto:auntobi@comcast.net).

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

## Metamorphosis/Transformation

When looking up the word transformation in the dictionary, the term metamorphosis was among some of the definitions. Metamorphosis always takes me back to my teaching days.

When I taught third grade, my students and I spent a few weeks each year studying metamorphosis. This usually involved sending away for live caterpillars and watching them in our "butterfly garden." Each day, we would look at and report on the activity taking place in the butterfly garden, and each day, students wrote in their butterfly journals about changes taking place. Often times, I would come across a student who had nothing written in his journal. When I asked why his page was blank, the student would reply that nothing had happened. Any time I heard that response, a conversation would ensue. The student and I would talk about the fact that the caterpillar is growing and changing, but we cannot see it. We would discuss further how the student has also grown and changed... and that not all these changes were visible ones, like the change in his brain when he was learning new things in school.

Such is the case with our transformation here at Parkway. While most folks are aware that we have opted to undergo a transformation, many may be under the misconception that, as my student might say, "nothing has happened." This is easy to understand since many of the changes taking place are not visible. In order to keep everyone caught up on the status of our transformation, I'll use the butterfly analogy. For those who may have forgotten some of their life science (I know I had before I had to teach it), there are four stages in the butterflies' complete metamorphosis. The egg is the first stage.

It hatches and out comes a caterpillar (the larva stage). During this stage the caterpillar eats and eats and eats, storing up energy for the changes which will occur next, in the pupa. This is when the caterpillar forms a chrysalis, or cocoon. It is in this stage where most of the changing takes place; it is in this stage that these wondrous stages take place and yet are not seen by the human eye. The final stage, the adult stage, is characterized by a fully developed butterfly... a beautiful being able to fly.



We all want to be that beautiful butterfly, fully realized, fully formed. Before that can occur, however, we have to go through the previous three stages.

If I had to characterize our church's progress in transformation, I would say we are a larva, a caterpillar. We have made our way out of the egg and now we are preparing ourselves for our next step, meeting and learning from a variety of resources so that we have adequate nourishment. Obviously, our preparations do not include eating lots of leaves. Our preparations do, however, include nourishing ourselves through prayer and reflection. Like the butterfly, our next stage is one in which the most wondrous of changes will occur.

*Blessings, Sheila*



## SPECIAL DATES

### JUNE 2

Elena Earl's Birthday

### JUNE 3

Ministry Team Dinner and Meeting at 6:00

### JUNE 11

Friendship Circle at 10:30

### JUNE 14

Session Meeting at 5:30

### JUNE 21

Father's Day Cookout

### JUNE 27

Rummage Sale 9:00-2:00

### JUNE 30

Barbara Edward's birthday

## Did You Know???

Parkway Presbyterian Church has an online presence! Not only do we have our own church website at [www.parkwayknoxville.weebly.com](http://www.parkwayknoxville.weebly.com), but we also have our own Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, we invite you to join us there. Simply search for Parkway Presbyterian in Knoxville and then click to join! After that, begin recruiting others to join us online so that they can easily discover some of what makes Parkway so special. Remember... Facebook friends don't have to be members, just folks interested in in what we have going on here. Our Facebook page already has friends as far away as Nashville. The next time you're online, make a point to look us up... and bookmark our page for future reference!



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## The Seal: A Closer Look

The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.



The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames. The dominant structural and theological element in the design is the cross — the universal and most ecumenical symbol of the Christian church. The cross represents the incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ and his passion and resurrection. Because of its association with Presbyterian history, the Celtic cross was chosen as a model for this contemporary rendering of the ancient symbol.



In experimenting with the basic lines and shapes of the cross, the contour of a book began to emerge in the horizontal section, and the two center lines of the cross became the representation of an open book. This integration of the horizontal dimensions of the cross with the book motif highlights the emphasis which the Reformed tradition has placed on the role of Scripture as a means of knowing God's word.



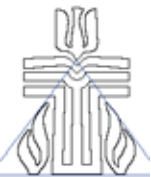
The slightly-flared shape of the Celtic cross also makes possible the transforming of the uppermost section into the shape of a descending dove. As a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the dove is intimately tied to the representation of the Bible, affirming the role of the Spirit in both inspiring and interpreting Scripture in the life of the church. The dove also symbolizes Christ's baptism by John and the peace and wholeness which his death and resurrection bring to a broken world.



Beneath the image of the book is the suggestion of a lectern or pulpit, which captures the important role of preaching in the history of Presbyterian worship.



Integrated into the lower part of the design are flames which form an implied triangle, a traditional symbol of the Trinity. The flames themselves convey a double meaning: a symbol of revelation in the Old Testament when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush and a suggestion of the beginning of the Christian church when Christ manifested himself to his apostles at Pentecost and charged them to be messengers of the good news of God's love.



The triangle also suggests the nature of Presbyterian government, with its concern for balance and order, dividing authority between ministers of the Word and laypersons and between different governing bodies. This understanding of the church was based in part on an important idea in Reformed theology, the covenant, which God establishes with people to affirm God's enduring love and to call us to faith and obedience to Jesus Christ.



Looking more closely at some of the visual components of the design, viewers may discover elements that seem to fuse with some of the more obvious theological symbols. In the shape of the descending dove, for example, one might also discern in the body of the bird, the form of a fish, an early-Christian sign for Christ, recalling his ministry to those who hunger. For some, the overall design evokes the calligraphy of Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. Others have seen a baptismal font or a communion chalice (cup).

In 1 Corinthians, Paul described the church as a body with many members, illustrating the pluralism of the church and the many gifts which God gives to its members. So also the seal's individual parts, when taken together, form an encompassing visual and symbolic unity, while not exhausting the richness of possible interpretations.

Reprinted from the PCUSA website: [www.pcusa.org/oga/seal.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/oga/seal.htm)

## Regular Session Meeting Highlights - May 10, 2009, 5:30 - 8:00 pm

**Members Present:** Fred Peretz, Colleen Ferron, Jeff Carter, Brenda Owensby, Sheila Earl.

**Moderator:** Peg Brinck, appointed by Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) to serve as Parkway's session moderator.

Meeting opened at 5:30 with prayer by Sheila.

Peg led a scriptural reflection on discernment [1 Kings, Ch 19, 9b-11a]

Points for discernment:

- Be honest about motives
  - Offer up motives/intentions in prayer
  - Be Patient!
  - Consult with a trusted advisor
  - Seek the Spirit's calling
  - Know yourself
- Brenda reported on Presbytery Meeting. Presbytery approved a \$25,000 grant for Parkway through 2009. This money is being taken from the Ooltewah Fund. Wendy Neff was appointed by the COM as our liaison contact with COM. Peg serves on the COM subcommittee for congregation support.

### Treasurer's Report (Treasurer: Cindy Turner)

- Sheila asked if there was some way to track things like music and other donations that are given to the church in other than monetary form. It was moved that all items donated to the church be tracked by receipt where possible or by Reimbursement/ Non-Reimbursement form to show that donations (other than direct monetary donations) can be tracked. All agreed.

### Pastor Search

- It was asked to be included in the record that Parkway needs to be included in the Pastor designation process. COM has stated that no one would be forced on us. The selection process will be open and transparent.
- Status of CLP candidates on hold until designated Pastor process is determined.

### Transformation Team Report

- Fred and Brenda met with Miki Vanderbilt and John Preston (Transformation Team coaches) to coordinate activities of the Transformation Team with the support being provided by Presbytery.
- Session members will then have one-on-one meetings to find out what the congregation is thinking, what they need, and just to get to know each other better. The Transformation Team recommended that this be a regular duty of the Session members as Shepherds to the congregation.

### Use of Church by Hispanic Group

- The motion was made to allow the Hispanic group to use the facilities during non-conflicting times and to provide Mr. Martin Luna (the group's lay leader) a key to the church for his use. Brenda volunteered to be the contact person from Session to the group. The question was asked if we need a written agreement that spells out our relationship with the group. Brenda will draw up a draft document spelling out the relationship (i.e., a Facility Use Agreement). All agreed.

### Property and Grounds

- Keys – All Session members will get a key to the church office.
- Air Conditioning – Fred said he has set the thermostats and will give instruction on how to temporarily change the settings as needed.
- Roof – The question was asked if any information was available on an insurance claim for wind damage to the roof. Brenda explained that her experience was that the insurance may cover roof damage from storms regardless of when the damage occurred. Colleen will check with Cindy about the roof.
- Mowing & Grounds Care – No funds available to hire someone to cut the grass, so mowing will continue to be done by volunteers.
- Perimeter Walking Trail – Fred has rough cleared a trail around the south side of the property, from near the front sign to the amphitheater.

### Possible Reduction of Cost Items

- The suggestion was made to talk to Cindy about her status and get a list of everything she does, including her treasurer duties.
- Everyone should go through the budget to see if we can find any items where cuts can be done. The Session decided to not bring this topic up again unless specific recommendation for cost savings are available.

### Next Meeting

- The June Session Meeting was scheduled for Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

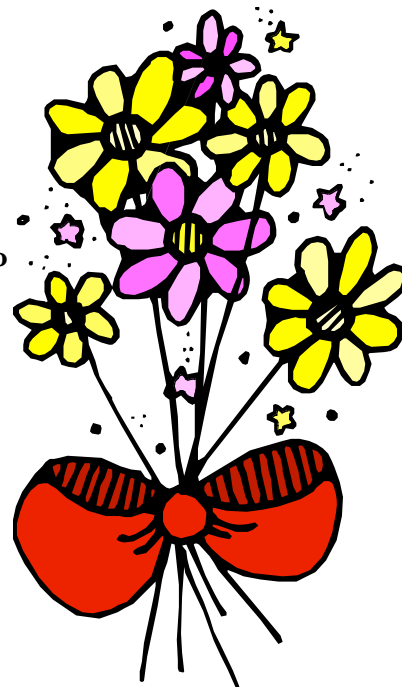
Meeting closed at 8:00 pm with prayer by Peg Brinck.

## THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!!!!

### SPOTLIGHT ON TERRY AND BARBARA

We want to say “Thank You!!!” to long-time newsletter writer, editor, and publisher Terry Baron. Terry has worked tirelessly on the Parkway Presbyterian Newsletter for years, making sure we all knew the latest scoop as well as dates for upcoming events. We appreciate all that Terry has done and continues to do to help us make Parkway Presbyterian such a great place to be.

We also want to say “Thanks!!!” to Barbara Edwards, our pianist extraordinaire! Barbara has worked as our volunteer pianist for many years, making sure we “hit the right notes” each and every Sunday. She works closely with the choir director to make sure that she’s ready for whatever is coming on Sunday. She has put in extra time with choir members for solos, and she provides us with lovely music pre- and post-church services. Thanks, Barbara, for your long and continued service to Parkway!



### Rummage Sale Extravaganza

The last Saturday in June is the date for what has become our “semi-annual” rummage sale. This sale promises to be one of the biggest ever when judging by all the items that have come in for us to sort, price, and sale! To get everything prepared, as well as advertise the sale adequately, we need your help!!! During the week prior to the sale, June 22–26, we will be working hard to get everything ready. If you can volunteer an hour or two, please contact Sheila Earl at 405-2705 or email Sheila at [auntobi@comcast.net](mailto:auntobi@comcast.net). At this point, we have not made any designation as to where the money raised will go. If you have some good ideas, we welcome any and all suggestions. Once again, contact Sheila to let her know. Please tell everybody you know about the sale so that we can have some good “word of mouth” out there and we can get as many folks as possible to visit Parkway. Lastly, make sure to come out and do some shopping yourself! You never know what treasure you might find!

### Hispanic Worship Begins

Many of us heard the inspiring story of Martin Luna’s journey from Mexico to California to Florida to Knoxville. He shared his testimony with us during our Sunday worship on June 10. Martin leads what has now become two worship services in Spanish. One group meets in Oak Ridge on Sundays at 1:30. Martin has found that this allows many of his congregants who work on Sundays to still be able to worship during their lunch hour. On June 21, Martin will begin additional Sunday worship services in the evenings right here at Parkway.

We are excited to be able to share our facilities to help spread the word of God’s love. His love knows no boundaries and speaks to all people of all languages.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 21