

Parkway Presbyterian Church



Prepare (or Arrange) Ye The Way

Recently, I purchased a new couch and desk. Both were on clearance (of course), and neither was the perfect scale for my den. Nevertheless, they were definitely what I would consider my “style” of furniture. I have now lived with them, in their current arrangement, for a couple of months. While they are serviceable in this arrangement, the couch creates somewhat of a barrier to the rest of the room. That’s why I’ll be using the next week to rearrange my den, moving furniture this way and that. While Elena will miss climbing over the back of the couch, and I’ll miss being able to sit on the back edge, I need to create a space that is more open to the rest of the space and more inviting to folks who come to visit. I’m sure the new arrangement will be difficult to get used to right away. However, in time, I’m sure it will be old hat. There might even be a time in the future when I decide to, once again, pursue yet another furniture arrangement to better suit my changing needs.

Such is the way of many things in life. We get used to the order of things one way, and when we first change them, we are a bit uncomfortable. The funny thing is, time cures this discomfort. Becoming comfortable with something is

often a product of becoming familiar with it.

In our sanctuary, you will soon notice (if you haven’t already) that our church is undergoing some of its own rearranging. Between the addition of an extra piano, the removal of some front pews, and the slight turn of the lecterns, things are definitely looking different. You might even be feeling a bit uncomfortable... wait, time (and this feeling) will pass. These changes are not just for the sake of change. Hopefully, they are going to do what the rearrangement of my den furniture is meant to do... they will make our church more accessible, more inviting and, eventually, more comfortable for *all* who worship here.

One of the things we’re preparing for is *Cafe Worship*. A dictionary.com definition of cafe is “a restaurant, usually small and unpretentious.” While Parkway is not a restaurant, I believe we fit the rest of that description. Let’s arrange, or prepare, our minds and our church for a variety of worship styles to welcome a variety of worshippers... all serving our one true living God.

*Blessings,
Sheila*

HAPPENINGS!

WED., AUG. 2 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, OCTOBER 4

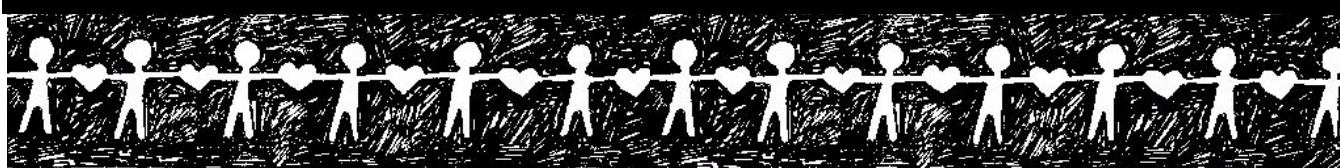
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Join us on this Sunday as we recognize our wonderful Boy Scout troop! The Scouts will be participating in our worship service and we will b

EVERY SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45

WORSHIP AT 11:00



SPECIAL DATES

SEPTEMBER 2

6:00 - Ministry Team Dinner & Meeting

SEPTEMBER 3

Katelyn Stewart's Birthday

SEPTEMBER 8

Maxine Rorex's Birthday

SEPTEMBER 10

Friendship Circle at 10:30

SEPTEMBER 13

Session Meeting at 5:30

SEPTEMBER 15

Craig Stewart's Birthday

SEPTEMBER 22

John Stewart's Birthday

Opportunity for Mission

The YWCA Y-Teens program is running full speed ahead for 2009 and is in need of Y-Teen advisors. If you are interested in serving as an advisor for our female leadership program contact Mary Alice Varga, Y-Teen Coordinator, at MVarga@ywcaknox.com.

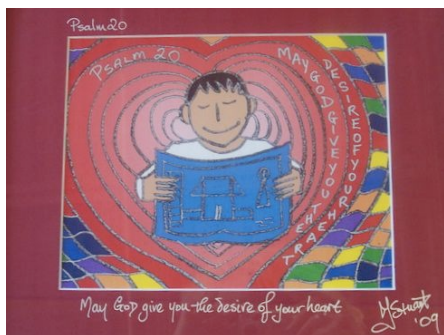
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Picturing the Psalms

The Rev. John Stuart, pastor of Erin Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, fills his free time with something he has done for as long as he can remember: art. But for the past two years he's been concentrating on a special project.

"I'm trying to create a drawing for each of the 150 Psalms in the Bible. As I read each Psalm, I ask God to help me choose the right verse in order to create a symbolic drawing."

Stuart began drawing the Psalms in November 2007. "When I first set out to complete the project, I thought it would only take me 150 nights. I was so wrong," he recalls. "I have completed Psalm 88, and I believe it will take about three years total to complete the project."

Stuart begins with a black crayon on white paper to draw his outline. He then scans the drawing using a Lexmark scanner and colors it in on the computer. "I call it digital glass," Stuart says. "I have sold several copies through the church to raise funds for an orphanage in Tanzania."

Any church is welcome to use Stuart's artwork for bulletin covers by simply contacting him at pastor@erinpresbyterian.org for the files. "This is my hobby, not a business. I want people to enjoy this style of art but I also want to send a message. I give them a verse and an image of that verse. I'm not throwing it (scripture) in their face but giving them something to think about. I hope that those who come across my picture Psalms will be drawn closer to God."

Stuart's artwork is on display through the end of September at Bear Creek Coffee house on Middlebrook Pike in West Knoxville. Its hours are 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Stuart's artwork is for sale at the coffeehouse.

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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.
 - **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
 - **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.
 - **Chris Jones**, a longtime friend of Beverly Dunlap, who is battling pancreatic cancer
 - **Bob Turner**, Jessica Turner's grandfather, who is battling lung cancer
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