

The Parkway Community Church
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OUR 61st YEAR OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Anniversary Month February 19, 2012

Welcome to worship this morning here at The Parkway Community Church. We are glad that you have joined us for this celebration of our anniversary. We ask everyone to sign an attendance sheet and hand it to an usher as you leave the sanctuary at the conclusion of worship.

This month of February we are celebrating our 60th anniversary as an organized congregation. Pastor Conrad Strauch was raised here at Parkway Church. His time in youth group was a key part of his young life with God. We are glad that he is with us to reminisce and challenge us. Conrad and his partner Tom will be with us for our 60th Anniversary Dinner in two weeks.

You will find a blue **Request for Prayer** sheet in the pew rack. Feel free to fill it out and place it in the offering plate at that time in the service.

May God be with you this day and always. We look forward to your return.

Where you see this mark * in the service bulletin please stand if you are able.

WE MEET WITH GOD

Organ Prelude Michael Zeiger
Introit by Adult Choir "As We Gather"

Join the choir in singing #646

Welcome and Mutual Greetings Pastor Lay

* Responsive Call to Worship (please stand)

God the LORD speaks and summons the earth;
Our God comes and does not keep silence.

"Offer to me a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and keep your promises to me.

**"Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.**

"Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice
honor me;

**to those who go on the right way I will show
my power to save."** (Psalm 50)

* Hymn # 647 "We Have Come to Join in Worship"

Unison Prayer (please be seated)

**We praise you, O God, our Heavenly Father,
whose grace and mercy extend far beyond our
expectations. Like the prodigal son we are
welcomed back after our wild and distant journeys.
Like the elder son we are given all your riches to
enjoy. Open our souls to see your true judgement
of us as beloved children. Heal our hurts and
brokenness. Warm our cold hearts. Unite us in
love with all whom you gather, here in this place
and in all places to which you lead us. May your
heavenly reality become our earthly experience.
We offer our thankful prayer in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

Words with our Younger Members

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children Dismissed

WE HEAR GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Prayer for God's Blessing

Scripture Lessons:

2 Kings 6:8-23 (Pew Bible, p. 453)

Mark 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, p. 1193)

* Hymn # 502

"Be Thou My Vision"

Sermon

Pastor Conrad Strauch

"The Leprechaun"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Offering for the Whole Work of Christ's Church

(Please hand in Prayer Requests)

Offertory Music

Adult Choir

"God Is There" by Jimbo Stevens

* Praise God

Sung to Hymn Tune # 34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, you heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Generous and Loving God, bless these offerings that they may alleviate human suffering and fears, lead us to the fullness of life Christ offers, and minister to the needs of people we will never know. May others see the glory of Christ because of our caring and sharing. Amen.

(Lavon Bayler)

Choral Response

"O Bless the Gifts"

Sharing of our Prayer Concerns

Prayers for Ourselves and Our World

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* Anniversary Hymn

TUNE: Lancashire (#508)

O God, who called together

From places far and near

A people who would worship

And hold your name most dear;

We thank you for your guidance

From first day until now

As we join hearts and voices

And in your presence bow.

Our thanks to you we offer

For all who came our way

To make lives count for Jesus

And follow day by day.

We claim for Him the vict'ry

O'er trials we're called to face

And pray that we may always

Be strengthened by His grace.

So to our Heavenly Father

We lift our hearts in prayer,

Grateful for past and present

**With future in His care;
He never disappointed
Through all the years gone past;
And so we'll trust the future
As long as life shall last.**

Words by Pastor D. MacDonald

* Benediction

* Choral Response "Go Now in Peace"

Please sing with the choir

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Organ Postlude

Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ
for the spiritual blessings
that Christ has brought us
from heaven!

Ephesians 1:3



News and Views Among Our Pews

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FEBRUARY

- 20 7:00 pm Craft Night
- 21 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Mtg
- 22 Ash Wednesday
Noon Retiree's Luncheon
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
- 23 7:30 pm Board of Elders Mtg
- 24 7:30 pm Movie & Dessert
- 26 9 & 11 am Adult Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Kidz Hand Bell Choir
10:00 am Worship Service
12:30 Anniversary Luncheon



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Teaching Staff would like to spot light Briana Bishop. Briana has been selected for one of the "terrific kid" awards. The award is presented to acknowledge students for effort and cooperation by W.T. Clarke Middle School and the Kiwanis Club. Briana also will have a piece of artwork displayed at Adelphi University Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. This art work was selected by the East Meadow School District.

If your child has been acknowledged or awarded a special honor, please let us know.

Look for details regarding upcoming March events.

15 MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

Sunday's after church, there will be "The 15 minute Bible study" in the back of the sanctuary following services, every week starting Feb. 19th, through Lent (except Feb. 26th). The studies come from Rev. Charles Stanley ministries. No cost and all are invited. Please, grab a cup of coffee and join in.

Reminder that a prayer group meets after service; speak to Peter Huemme and Glen Affonso.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Tickets are on sale for the luncheon on Sunday February 26, 2012. Adults \$45 children \$30.

*Please purchase your luncheon tickets **now**, so we can give an accurate head count to the caterer.*

60th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL

The Anniversary Committee is creating a Journal for the February 26 luncheon. You are invited to add a personal message. Minimum donation is only \$1. All monies collected will go to the Anniversary Fund. See Martine Hackett or Karen Iniguez after service for a Journal Form.

MOVIE AND DESSERT NIGHT

On Friday, February 24 at 7:30 pm we will be showing the movie "Courageous" (rated PG-13). There is no charge, just bring a favorite dessert to share with the group. *Sign up on the attendance sheet. Thank you.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter Sunday, is the first day of the Season of Lent. Its name comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on worshipers' heads or foreheads as a sign of humility before God, a symbol of mourning and sorrow at the death that sin brings into the world. It not only prefigures the mourning at the death of Jesus, but also places the worshiper in a position to realize the consequences of sin. Ash Wednesday is a somber day of reflection on what needs to change in our lives if we are to be fully Christian.

In the early church, ashes were not offered to everyone but were only used to mark the forehead of worshipers who had made public confession of sin and sought to be restored to the fellowship of the community at the Easter celebration. However, over the years others began to show their humility and identification with the penitents by asking that they, too, be marked as sinners. Finally, the imposition of ashes was extended to the whole congregation in services similar to those that are now observed in many Christian churches on Ash Wednesday. Ashes became symbolic of that attitude of penitence reflected in the Lord's prayer: "forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us" (Luke 11:4, NRSV).

Here at Parkway Church we will worship on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 7:30 pm. Ashes will be available for those who desire them. Ashes will also be available at noon prior to the Retirees' Luncheon.

PRE-TEEN YOUTH GROUP

March meeting will be held on Sunday, March 4 and 18 following Sunday service. All youth in Grades 5 through 8 are welcomed.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Beginning February 29, in cooperation with our friends at Levittown Community Church during Lent, there will be a Bible study at 11:00 am at LCC led by Pastor Joe Cusack and Pastor Lay. All are invited to bring a sandwich and stay for lunch together. In the evening at 7:30 pm there will be a video study at PCC. All are invited to both programs.

DVD SERMON

Thursday, March 1st @ 7:30-9:00 pm

We will gather to view a DVD sermon by Rob Bell, titled "Everything is Spiritual". Followed by coffee and brief discussion. Interested, join us in the fellowship room.

MEN'S LENTEN COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 3 at 9 am

Open to all men. Sign up on the attendance sheet.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, March 6 at 6 pm
Houlihan's
725 Merrick Avenue
Westbury, NY

Please sign up on the attendance sheet so reservations can be made.



BUSINESS EXPO AT BROADWAY MALL

March 10, noon - 6pm

Parkway and the First Step Nursery School will have tables at the Expo. We encourage you to stop by and support. For more information speak with Sam Tabrys and Joe Leuci.

FOOD DONATIONS

The Riverhead pantry particularly need donations of peanut butter, jelly canned meat and fish. Donations of toiletries, baby food and more (see the latest newsletter for details). Boxes are in the hallway, drop off your donations anytime.

HOME STUDY GROUP

Anyone interested in starting a Home Study Group contact Anna Bishop.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Saturday, March 17 at 6 pm

We will be having a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. Cost is only \$5 per person. Bring your friends and family. Please sign up on the attendance sheet, head count necessary.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, March 11 at 11:30

Anyone interested in learning more about Parkway Church and perhaps becoming a member please speak with Pastor Hank and plan to attend this class after worship.



~ FLOWERS ~

Are in Loving Memory of

Louis Scazzuso

Given by Wes and Adele King



~ WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ~

- Reader: Bob Schroter**
- Organist: Michael Zeiger**
- Bell Ringer: Joanna Green**
- Ushers: Betsy Johns, Florence and John Otto, Johnny Schroter,**

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting The Parkway Community Church

CONSISTORY OFFICERS

President: The Rev. Harold W. Lay

Vice President: Ron Cox

Clerk: John Koegel

The Rev. Harold W. Lay + Pastor
The Rev. Theodore S. Grant + Assistant Pastor
The Rev. Douglas R. MacDonald + Founding Pastor

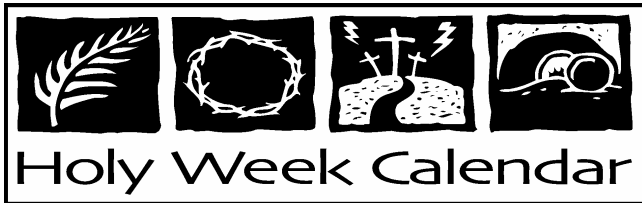


LENTEN CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDIES

February 29,
March 7, 14, 21, 28

at 11:00 am @ Levittown Community Church
at 7:30 pm @ Parkway Community Church



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 1
CHILDREN'S PARADE

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 5
COMMUNION SERVICE 7:30 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 6
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 8

