

PARKWAY—

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Vital Congregations The Mark # 4: Empowering Servant Leadership

I attended seminary in the early 1980's when about a third of my classmates were women. Women had been ordained in the church for years but there was still a significant employment gap between the genders.

The seminary held a community forum on the topic of "Ordination," What does it mean? Do you have to be ordained to serve? Are there particular ministries for which ordination is a requirement?

Dr. John Burkhardt delved into the etymology and said, "'Ordo' means 'power.'" Ordination comes from the same root word as ordinance. Preachers and cannonballs! While he was right, I was offended. In my mind, I was entering into ordained ministry to serve. Years later, I recognize that both "power" and "service" are part of being ordained.

Empowering Servant Leadership is brain twister. Empowering is what you do to encourage someone who is sitting meekly on the sidelines to get into the game and be a star. Servant is someone who either lacks power or voluntarily sets aside power in order to provide for the needs of someone else. Leadership is that quality of being able to rally other people for a particular task or assignment.

As a mark of a Vital Congregation, empowering servant leadership is modeling ourselves after Jesus. Jesus was empowered by God to make a difference. Jesus made a difference by his acts of servanthood. Jesus' servanthood was a form of leadership as others adopted a similar lifestyle, helping the least, the last, and the lost.

Picnic and Pie Contest—October 24th at 5PM



Bring your own picnic supper. Soft drinks, flavored water and water bottles will be provided. We will have picnic tables set up in the courtyard . Also, a few picnic tables will be available inside.

If you are interested in the Pie Contest, we are asking you to make 2 pies. Bring one to the church whole and divide the other pie into bite-sized portions and place into containers to be distributed to our guests for judging purposes.

Sign up using Signup Genius or in the narthex this Sunday.



Fellowship Hall Dedication Sunday—October 17

Worship in Fellowship Hall. Cookie and punch reception to follow!

Jim Conn passed away Sunday, October 3rd surrounded by his family. Please keep them in your prayers.

We will send service details once those are finalized.



*Marge DeWitt and Andy Crocker
were married on September 18
at the Yacht Club.*

Hurricane Ida-Funding Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

At Parkway, we know Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) from the Mission Teams that have stayed in the church and worked the recovery efforts after Hurricane Harvey.

Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana. PDA will quickly mobilize to provide assistance to the recovery efforts. If you would like to donate to the work of PDA, you can give through Parkway's website designating your gift for "PDA: Hurricane Ida," or write a check to the church including the same notation on the memo line.



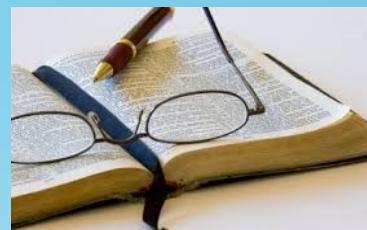
Congregation-Wide Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 Conference Room.

Tuesday at noon, WOW Class ZOOM only

Wednesday evening from 5:30—6:30 ZOOM only.

If you are interested in participating in either of these, please call the church office so that the Zoom link can be provided to you.



The seven class sessions will focus on each one of the seven marks of a Vital Congregation. We are starting week 4:

4. Empower Servant Leadership
5. Spirit-Inspired Worship
6. Caring Relationship
7. Ecclesial Health

Please help us in the ongoing assessment of Parkway's ministry by participating in one (or more) of these classes.



Many thanks to all who helped me move out of my house in Annaville 2 months ago. The handful of folks from Parkway who helped organize, pack, load & lift a lot of boxes, as well as shuttle items to a nearby storage unit were an incredible blessing to me!! The help was all the more needed given the shortage of rental trucks and indoor storage units at the time. Your helpful hands and generosity meant a lot to me, and I wanted to just share one more time how grateful I

was for your help, and for being the hands and feet of Christ that day!

*Blessings in Christ,
Charles Walden*

Mission Presbytery Meeting—October 23

This meeting will be virtual.

Go to <https://www.mission-presbytery.org/presbytery-meetings> for meeting details.

Email missionpby@missionpby.org to get virtual meeting instructions.

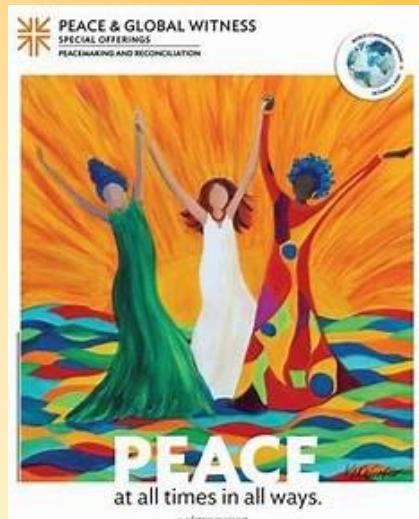


World Communion Sunday



Peace and Global Witnessing

We have received \$830.



Text "PARKWAYPC Peace" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Calendar of Events

October 10 - October 16

Sunday
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 In-person and Online Worship

Monday
9:30 Staff meeting
6:00 Events and Fellowship Committee Meeting
6:00 Properties Committee Meeting

Tuesday
12:00 WOW (Zoom only)
5:00 Sweet Adelines/Sparkling City Chorus

Wednesday
5:30 Book Discussion Group (Zoom only)
6:30 Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday
9:00 Pyrography Class

Friday
4:30 Loaves & Fishes

Saturday
9:00 Women's Walk to Emmaus—Team Prep Meeting

Prayer Concerns If you would like to place a prayer concern onto the prayer chain, please call or text Karen Wesson at 361-815-2099, or send an e-mail to klwesson@stx.rr.com. If you are not currently receiving the prayer chain emails (or your email address has changed) and wish to participate in lifting up concerns of the congregation, you may add yourself to the distribution list by going to your Realm account at www.parkwaypc.org.

Judy Forbes
June Baker
Dallas Marek
Elizabeth Falk
Don Liljestrand
Shana Lipstreu
Peggy Clark

Molly Mauldin
Nancy Graves
Family of
James Conn



LOAVES & FISHES

Anne Veech is the contact person.
Questions? Call (361)937-6455

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10/15
10/22 Anne Veech

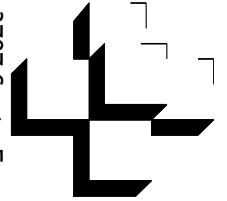


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Friday 9:00 - 12:00

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