

Parkside News

THIS DECEMBER



For 3 Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve we will focus on Christmas past, present and future. Special guest Andrey Gorkovenko from Central Asia will be with us December 3. December 10 will feature a Spoken Word by Student Minister Lynn Woods. Take note that we will have two services Christmas Eve morning at usual times, but there will be no service that night. Then, December 31 will be Rockin New Years Eve with Lynn Woods preaching.

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The International Student Christmas Dinner is Back!

We need your help December 9 as we invite over 100 international guests from UC to their first-ever Christmas Party in America. Volunteers can help set tables, prepare and serve food, help with clean-up and re-set of the Worship Center for the special Christmas concert at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come at 7:00 p.m. to sit with the students and enjoy a celebration of the joy of Christmas. Sign up to help at PCC@parksidechristian.com.

Provide a Christmas Dinner

We have families nearby who need a boost to enjoy Christmas dinner. Could you purchase the fixings for a family in need, and make that delivery to them about a week before Christmas? No cooking is involved, just shopping and delivery. Sign up to participate at PCC@parksidechristian.com or see Joann Garcia for a shopping list, as well as a name and address where you can make your delivery on **December 17th**.

PARKSIDE *KIDS* NEWS

56 LIVE

56 Live will be on Friday, December 1st from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the West Gym. Drop off is at Door 12. This event is for all 5th and 6th grade students and, of course, all the friends you want to bring! The cost is \$2 per kid for pizza. There will be open gym time, a fun devotion, and dinner. This event takes place the first Friday night of every month throughout the school year.

Mom Time

Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon is Mom Time! This is an open playtime for all moms who homeschool and stay-at-home moms of preschoolers. We will open the West gym for older kids. Stay-at-home moms who have their kiddos in school are welcome to come and hang out, and get to know other Parkside moms.

Parksidekids.org

Check out parksidekids.org for all upcoming events and times. Also, don't forget to join our Parkside Kids Facebook Page!

After School

Wednesday, December 20th will be our next After School event for Kindergarten through 6th grade students. It will be from 4-6:00 p.m. and the drop off is around the back of the building at Door 8. The cost is \$2 per kid if they will be eating dinner with us. The kids rotate to three stations: kitchen/cooking, crafts, and organized gym games. Wednesday After School takes place the third Wednesday of the month during the school year.

Sunday, December 24th

There will be no programming for children Sunday, December 24th. It will be an ALL family worship service in the Worship Center on the main floor. Your children will be practicing a song to perform (if they choose to) on stage that morning. There is no prep and it will be a really sweet time to catch a glimpse of how we worship together in children's ministry!

Special Delivery: God Gave Us Jesus

Can you believe it's that time of year again? Time to decorate, bake cookies, buy gifts, sing carols. And it's time to teach preschoolers the true story of Christmas – the story of when God gave us Jesus – the best gift ever! Every year, the story is the same. God sends an angel to tell Mary the news. Jesus is born. The angels tell the shepherds. And, once they see baby Jesus, they tell everyone! Then the wise men come and worship God's Son. If we're not careful, we can easily forget that the story we've heard a million times is brand new for many preschoolers who will be hearing for the first time this year. Jesus really is the best gift ever! He's a very special delivery!



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



Kick It at The Crossing

Students are welcome to join us for Kick It at The Crossing Friday, December 8th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! Bring friends!

Student Christmas Party

Come and celebrate with us! December 17th at 5:30 p.m. will be the student ministry Christmas party. For more information, contact Lynn Woods at lynn@parksidechristian.com.



GET CONNECTED WITH A PARKSIDE GROUP!

Grief Share

Grief Share meets **Monday** nights in the **Fireside Room** from **6:30-8:00pm**. The current session will conclude **Monday, December 11th** and the next session will begin **Monday, January 8th**. This group provides caring support for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. All are welcome to join at anytime. If you are interested or have questions, contact: Mary Meredith (965-8439), Peggy Elliott (231-8339), or Tammy Roberts (528-5284).

Ladies Bible Study

All ladies are welcome to join Parkside's *Ladies Bible Study* **Thursdays** in the **Heritage Rooms** from **10am to 11:30am** OR from **7pm to 8:30pm**. Have questions? Contact: Andrea Shaw troydshaw@fuse.net or Stacey Meyer supersaverff@aol.com

Divorce Care

Divorce Care meets **Tuesday** nights from **6:30 to 8:00 pm** in **room 207**. The current session concludes on **Tuesday, December 5th** and the next session will begin **Tuesday, January 9th**. This group is designed to walk alongside those dealing with life changes which result from the breakup of a marriage. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. You can start attending at any time. If you have questions, please contact Joy Wilson at 528-2122 or journey@fuse.net.



ATTEND A SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

The Young Adult Class

The *Young Adult Class* meets in room **206** and is wrapping up a series by Francis Chan on the book of James. The class is led by Chris Bell and Matt Robinson. [Email Matt](#) for more info or to find out about other young adult gatherings.

The Open Door Class

The *Open Door Class* meets in **Heritage B**. This is located down the hallway off of the main lobby, and is the second room on the right. Currently, the class is studying the book of Philippians and is taught by Kurtis Taylor.

Studies in Scripture

Take the time to jump even deeper into studying the life of Jesus by joining the *Studies in Scripture* class. Allyn Phillips and Tom Gaiser are leading this series on the Gospel of John. Put this class on your schedule. This study meets in **Heritage A** every Sunday at **9:30 a.m.**

The Legacy Class

The *Legacy Class* meets in room **207**. Go through the lobby towards the church office, up the small set of stairs by the wheelchair lift. The classroom is located on the left. This group is led by Mark Ericksen.

The Genesis Class

The *Genesis Class* meets in room **204**. Go up the stairs next to the wheelchair lift, and room 204 will be on the right. This class is studying the Gospel of Mark and is lead by Buddy Blum and Don Caylor.

The Winsome Class

The December theme for the *Winsome Class* is Faith in Action. Lowell Jackson leads this class and uses the “Quarterly Standard Lesson” series. You can find the *Winsome Class* in **Heritage C**. This room is located in the hallway off of the main lobby, next to the kitchen.

The Utopian Class

The *Utopian Class* meets in **Heritage A** at **11:00 a.m.** and is led by Bill Meredith, Mick McLaughlin, and Roger Martin. Currently, this class is studying the book of Esther and will begin “That the World May Know” series in mid December. You can find Heritage A across from the library off of the main lobby.



LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH

A Special Update From Our Mission Partners

The VandeLinde Family

Click [HERE](#) to read the latest from the VandeLinde family and the *Eastern Dominican Christian Mission*.

Lynn & Ruby Johnston

Catch up with *LAMB International*, click [HERE](#) to learn what God is doing through the Johnston's in Kyrgyzstan. (**Please select view, rotate view, rotate clockwise**)

Mark & Krista Haley

Click [HERE](#) for an update from the Haley's and read about the exciting work they are doing in Ethiopia.

Pino Neglia

Learn more about the *Lecce Christian Mission* in Italy and Albania! Click [HERE](#).

Paul & Rickie Clark

Learn what God is doing in Japan! Click [HERE](#) to read Paul and Rickie's eUpdate and click [HERE](#) to read their personal letter.

Lori Murwin

Catch up on the latest from Lori and *NMSI*. Click [HERE](#) to view her latest eLetter.

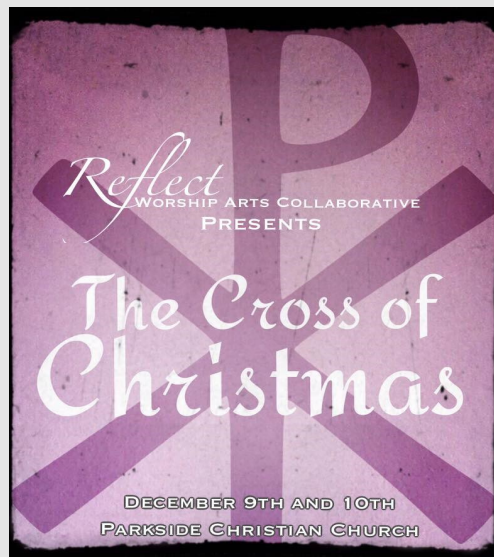


UPCOMING EVENTS



Family Christmas

Come celebrate the Christmas holiday season with us! This is a great opportunity to enjoy a cheerful evening of Christmas fun with family and friends at Parkside. There will be a variety of Christmas crafts to make, treats to enjoy, and music of the season. This event is for anyone, of any age, who loves Christmas! Please invite friends and neighbors. *There is still time to volunteer!* If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Betty Howell at 513-604-3694 or bettyhowell@hotmail.com. We hope to see you **Sunday, December 3rd from 5-7:30 p.m.!**



The Cross of Christmas

Join us for this family-friendly presentation of the gospel on **Saturday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. or on Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m.!** Performed by Cincinnati artists featuring: ballet, spoken word, orchestra, choir, and art.

Parkside's Comfort & Joy Gathering

Parkside's Comfort & Joy Gathering will be **Sunday, December 17th at 2:00pm**. We hope you will join us for inspiring seasonal music, thoughtful spiritual insight, and heartfelt encouragement as we focus on the hope of Jesus during this Christmas season. The purpose of this unique service is to reassure those who need an extra portion of hope during the holidays. Contact [Randy Shivers](#) for more information.

Serve Beech Acres Foster Families This Christmas

Parkside is hosting Beech Acres annual holiday party on Wednesday, December 13th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.! We are looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways for this special evening. We need folks to help set up, provide supplies (games, crafts, desserts), help with the craft and game stations, and to clean up. Sign up to volunteer click [HERE](#). Contact Julie Goetz at julielgoetz@gmail.com with any questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Care Team Workshop: *Diabetes Self Management*

Starting Point

New to Parkside? Interested in knowing more and how to get connected? Our next Starting Point session will be **Sunday, December 10th, at 9:30 a.m.** in the **Fireside Room** (across for our Worship Center). Starting Point is a group session designed to communicate a brief overview of what is important to us here at Parkside including our overall mission and vision as a church family. Sign up on a Blue Connection Card or contact the [church office](#). For more information contact [Randy Shivers](#).



Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m., will be the Diabetes Self Management workshop. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, join us to learn more about managing diabetes. Ginger Goettke RN, CDE, CHFNP will discuss the pathophysiology of diabetes, signs and symptoms, medications, testing, goal blood sugar ranges, resources, and much more. We hope you won't miss this great opportunity. RSVP by contacting the church office at pcc@parksidechristian.com.

Visit the information center to learn more about upcoming workshops provided by Parkside's amazing Care Team!

Small Group Leader Summit

Start the New Year off by learning timeless and meaningful ways to build spiritual community and encourage others. This time will be led by popular author, Mike Mack, and will include group leaders from all over the tri-state area. Whether you lead a lifegroup, or are simply interested in growing community, be sure to put this event on your calendar. Email [Matt](#) to register for the summit at First Church in Burlington, KY on **January 20th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.**



CAMPUS NEWS

AmazonSmile

Do you plan to shop Amazon for Christmas gifts this season? Did you know you can also support the Parkside ministry at the same time?? Simply go to smile.amazon.com and log into your Amazon account. Then name “Parkside Christian Church (Cincinnati)” as your designated charity. Once you are signed up Amazon will donate a portion of every purchase back to Parkside. It’s that easy!

Financial Update

We are one third of the way through the current fiscal year (July-October 2017) and tracking very close to our Operating Budget. Your generous giving is the engine that drives our ministries here at Parkside, and our Mission Partners throughout the world. Giving during the holidays is crucial for funding ministry the rest of the year. Please, continue your regular support of the Parkside ministry and perhaps even consider a special one-time gift to celebrate the Christmas season. As a reminder, Parkside offers a full menu of eGiving options and can also accept stock donations. To learn more about these giving options please contact [Jim Wood](#) or [Greg Wells](#). Your offerings and love gifts make a difference. Thank you for your faithful support!

End of Year Giving

While we are on the subject of giving...as we wind down the year please be aware of the deadlines for tax purposes. **Sunday, December 31st**, will be the last Parkside worship service and offering for 2017. *The church office will be closed December 25th - 29th*, however, you can mail checks to the office that week. Envelopes postmarked December 31st or before will be included in your 2017 Giving Statement. All eGiving transactions processed on or before December 31st will also be included on your 2017 Giving Statement. Thanks again for your obedience and generosity to support the ministries of Parkside, and our mission partners throughout the world!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ova and Helen Lowe on the celebration of their 76th wedding anniversary in November!!

New In The Parkside Library

Click [HERE](#) for the new additions to the Parkside Library.



CONDOLENCES

*Please join us in lifting up those in our Parkside family
who have recently lost loved ones.*

Marie Reinschmidt - *The loss of her brother, Karl Buck Jr, on November 1st.*

Dave Waltz - *The loss of his mother, Judy Waltz, on November 2nd.*

Gayle McLaughlin - *The loss of her brother, Tom Schirmer, on November 6th.*

Amanda Stradtman - *The loss of her husband, Kyle Stradtman, on November 7th.*

Phil Hahn - *The loss of his father, Robert Alan Hahn, on November 10th.*

Sarah Adkerson - *The loss of her mother, Christine Whitehead, on November 15th.*

Martha Nash - *The loss of her mother, Mary Winkler, on November 17th.*

Krysti Barnhill - *The loss of her father, Nelson E. Wittman, on November 18th.*



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