

WELCOME TO PARKWAY HEIGHTS UMC!

Welcome to worship! We're so glad you're here today. We pray that you will feel God's presence as we worship together. Please complete the information in the blue box below, so we can stay connected. You can remove the left panel of the bulletin and leave it in your seat. Thank you!

NURSERY: Our Church Nursery is open for babies through children in Pre-K. Nursery check-in is located through the glass doors next to the elevator in the Atrium. We also love having children present in our worship services!

SIGN-IN — FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:30 Founders Hall service 10:45 Sanctuary service

Member Guest College Student
 1st Time Visit Repeat Visit Wish to Join

Last Name _____

First Name(s) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Number of Children _____ Ages/Grades _____

My contact information has recently changed.
(You may also log in to parkwayheights.ccbchurch.com to update your information.)

CARE & SUPPORT

Please have the staff pray for me/my family. My prayer request: _____

I would like a pastoral visit/call.

I would like the support of a Stephen Minister. *Parkway Heights UMC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Stephen Ministers are trained lay people who provide distinctively Christian care to those facing life's challenges. To learn more, email juliecollins@parkwayheights.org.*

..... **CONNECT • EQUIP • SEND**

LOFT ESCAPE ROOM (Contact Lesley Ellison at lesleyellison@parkwayheights.org)

My 5th-6th grader will attend the Gold Post & Escape Room day on Saturday, Feb. 28.

WE ARE THE CHURCH STUDY (Contact Susan Eaton at susaneaton@parkwayheights.org)

I will attend the We Are the Church study starting Monday, March 9, at 10 a.m.

CHILDREN'S VBS PLANNING (Contact Lesley Ellison at lesleyellison@parkwayheights.org)

I would like to serve on a VBS brainstorming team.

SENIOR ADULT VBS PLANNING (Contact Julie Collins at juliecollins@parkwayheights.org)

I would like to serve on the planning team for this summer's Senior Adult VBS.

Lenten Worship Resources

This year during Lent, we encourage you to practice spiritual disciplines to prepare your hearts and minds for Easter. We're asking Jesus' question, "Could you not...?" Each week we are providing a scripture and prayer for your reflection all week, leading up to the next Sunday's message. This can be found on the back of the bulletin. A booklet containing all meditations is available in the Atrium and also online at parkwayheights.org/lent.

Visit our website to listen to additional weekly audio devotions recorded by our pastors as well.



And don't forget to pick up a small cross to take with you to use as you pray over the next few weeks.



MEN'S MEAL & FELLOWSHIP

All men are invited to the next Men's Ministry Meal & Fellowship on Friday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. We'll get together at the home of Jim Crowder, 102 Bay Shore Circle in Hattiesburg. Invite a friend!



Women's Retreat

The Women's Spring Retreat is set for April 24-25. Mark your calendars, ladies!

Next Week's Communion Offering

The United Methodist Church financially supports seminary students with Ministerial Education Funds, which cover half of seminary expenses; however, these funds are only available in the United States. This is one of the reasons for the low number of seminary degrees globally. The communion offering collected next Sunday, March 1, will be added to our UMC district's collection to support seminary students around the world. Please give and help people who are passionate about serving the church receive further training.

Loft Escape Room Outing

All 5th-6th graders are invited for lunch and escape room fun on Saturday, Feb. 28. We'll meet at Gold Post at 12:30 p.m. and head to Time Will Tell Escape Games afterward. Parents, please send money for lunch. The church will cover the cost of the escape room. Sign up today!

New Study on Acts

What can we learn to help us be better disciples in our world today? In "We Are the Church... Let's Act Like It: A Study in the Book of Acts," we'll take a close look at the early Church and learn from its example. Susan Eaton will lead this study on Mondays at 10 a.m., starting March 9. Cost for the book is \$10. Sign up in today's bulletin or online.



Wednesday Night Live Is Less Than Two Weeks Away!

Wednesday, March 4 / Auction & Meal begin at 5 p.m. / Founders Hall

Enjoy a great meal, silent auction & variety show!

All proceeds help our youth attend spiritual retreats and mission trips.

Meal is baked potato & salad bar, dessert & drink.

Tickets: \$10 per person / \$40 family max / Pizza for kids: \$1 per slice

Buy tickets in the Atrium this morning
or at parkwayheights.org/calendar.



Lucas Lenten Series & First Wednesday Lunch

This year during Lent, five churches will host the inaugural Lucas Lenten Concert Series. Each Wednesday, there will be a lunch at 11 a.m., followed by a concert at 12:10 p.m. The first event is a Deep South Ringers handbell concert at Trinity Episcopal Church on February 25. To make a lunch reservation (and learn cost and menu), call 601.544.5551 ASAP. If you will attend the concert only, there is no cost or registration needed.

The second concert will be March 4 at Main Street UMC and will coincide with our First Wednesday Lunch for adults 55+. Everyone - of all ages - is invited. If you will attend the lunch that day, please call 601.582.5557. If you will attend only the concert, there is no cost and no reservation required.

Children's Ministry Dates to Remember

▷ Camp Wesley Pines' early bird registration discount ends on March 15. The church will provide transportation to and from camp for two summer sessions: Younger Elementary Camp (rising 2nd and 3rd graders) on June 8-10 and Older Elementary Camp (rising 3rd - 6th graders) on June 8-13. Register at wesleypines.com.

▷ Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at 3900 Jamestown Road.

▷ Vacation Bible School will be held June 29-July 2! We need input! Anyone who would like to serve on a brainstorming team is asked to please sign up in today's bulletin or email lesleyellison@parkwayheights.org.

**THE SENIOR ADULT VBS
PLANNING TEAM WILL
MEET SOON. IF YOU'D LIKE
TO BE ON THE TEAM, SIGN
UP IN TODAY'S BULLETIN!**

Detach here & leave in seat.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (8:30 a.m.)

MUSIC FOR TODAY

Raise a Hallelujah • Pass Me Not • Run to the Father • Because He Lives • How He Loves

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS Susan Eaton

PRAYER (Lord's Prayer on back) Susan Eaton

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11 Parker Weeks

SERMON *The Discipline of Regular Study of the Word* Keith Keeton

BENEDICTION Keith Keeton

Dr. Sam Bruton, Praise Team director

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (10:45 a.m.)

(✦Stand As Able)

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS Keith Keeton

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (words on screens) Keith Keeton

❖HYMN NO. 269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881 Keith Keeton

❖GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Lesley Ellison

PRAYER (Lord's Prayer on back) Keith Keeton

❖HYMN NO. 395 *Take Time to Be Holy*

OFFERTORY PRAYER Keith Keeton

OFFERING

❖DOXOLOGY NO. 95

ANTHEM *The Fount of God's Love* (Harlan) Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11 Bob Heath

SERMON Susan Eaton

❖HYMN NO. 410 *I Want a Principle Within*

❖BENEDICTION Susan Eaton

❖POSTLUDE

Dr. Gregory Fuller, director of music | Pamela Fuller, organist/pianist

Lent 2026: *Could You Not?*

To listen to additional audio recordings of weekly devotions, visit parkwayheights.org/lent.



Scripture & prayer for the week of February 23
for reflection before Sunday, March 1

Could You Not... entertain dialogue?

Read: John 3:1-17

Prayer:

Gracious God,
You call us to a new land, a new birth. Yet our feet and our spirits
hesitate.
Forgive our laziness.
Forgive our fear.
Forgive our selfishness.
Forgive our comfort.
Be for us the pillar of cloud by day, the pillar of fire by night.
Lead us into the new birth of water and the Spirit. Amen.

When You Pray, Please Remember... Oliver Brown, Rita Cox, Buddy Klein, Emily Nelson, Benson St. Louis & Evelyn Stone

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- Contemporary Service: 8:30 a.m. in Founders Hall
- Sunday School for all ages: 9:40-10:30 a.m.
- Traditional Service: 10:45 a.m. in Sanctuary

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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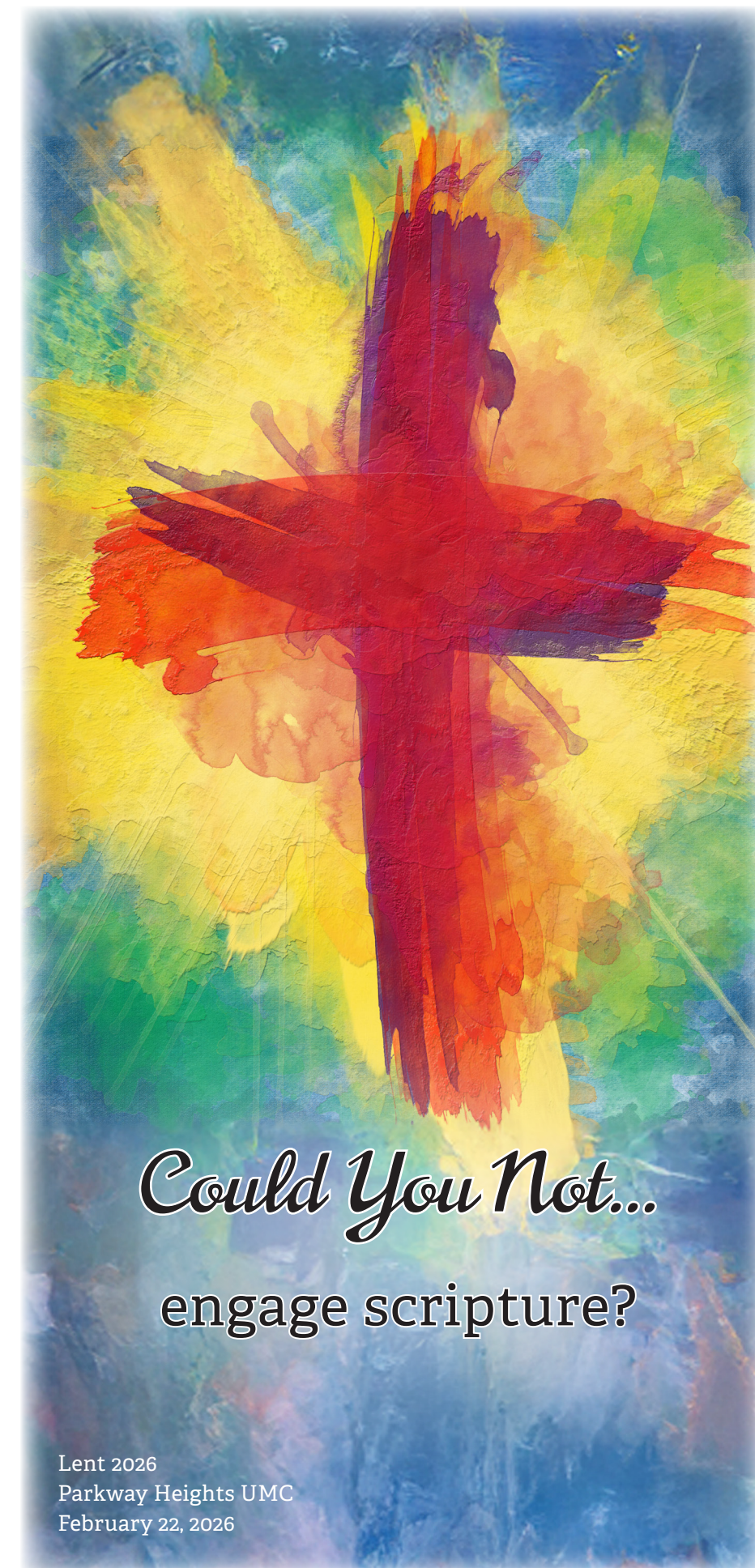
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