



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Blessed Past ➡ Bold Future

September 2018

## *A Message from Pastor Michele*

We are enjoying the last days of summer. Our children will be back in school after Labor Day. With the start of school comes the activities of the fall season. These events from a familial, community and church aspect include the changing of the leaves, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas along with the events of the Advent Calendar which is the most important part of the Church Liturgical Calendar.

Here at our church, we will be celebrating the culmination of honoring our 150th year of ministry here in the Village of Saukville as St. Peter's United Church of Christ and look forward to our future in ministry as Parkside Community United Church of Christ. We will have our special worship on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Please plan to be in attendance.

As promised, I have been developing Christian Education curriculum for the Fall. I will be teaching a Bible Study 101 course on the Five Wednesdays in October (3, 10, 17, 24 and 31- which is Halloween. We may also celebrate and combine study with some fun for Halloween). I would like to start the courses at 6:00 pm on each Wednesday and end at 7:00 pm. I will cover the following topics: brief synopsis of the Old Testament Former Prophets, Wisdom Books, the Twelve Prophets (Latter), the Gospels and Pauline Epistles. This will be a brief synopsis only and the conversation in the sessions can be as rich as the group allows. If there is interest in going into further in-depth discussion on any of the parts of the Bible, we can set up times for latter sessions. Then in November, we will have a 2-3 Wednesday night sessions of United Church of Christ History and Polity 101 so we can learn more about our denomination and its origins. I am looking forward to teaching both courses. After these two focus sessions of Christian Education, we will then look at doing a couple of book studies. I am still trying to decide which books we will explore for there are at least a dozen books I would like for us to have in-depth conversations. This decision will be made by the time we complete the first two Educational offerings.

I want to express that another important activity which occurs in the Fall is our Mid-Term elections in November, both at the state and national levels. I think it is important for all eligible persons to exercise their right to vote as their conscious guides them. As a Christian Ordained minister, I will never tell you how to vote as this decision is totally in your hands, but I do advocate for your engaging in the voting process. This is a very important election cycle.

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May you feel the beauty of our Creation as we journey into the Fall and Winter seasons. May our celebration of 150 years of ministry in the Village of Saukville be a joyous and memorable occasion as we lift up the "Best Church This Side of Heaven!"

Peace and Abundance of Blessings,  
*Pastor Michelle*

# CARING MINISTRIES



# PRAYER

*changes things*

## Prayer Families for the Month:

September 2  
Ginny and Jim Brown

September 9  
Paul Zachow and Terry Williams

September 16  
Bill, Carla, Jason, and Jamie Karrels

September 23  
Bill and Gloria Meloy

September 30  
Pastors Michelle Freeman and Georgia Chambers



Please sign the card in the Narthex for the weekly prayer family on Sunday and keep the family in your prayers. Your additional cards are appreciated by our prayer families.

*Please join us for Holy Communion  
Served on Sunday, September 2  
at the 10:00am Worship Service*



Gluten free

Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. These wafers are free not only of gluten, but also free of wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, and soy, and are low protein. If you need to avoid any of the above, please request a gluten-free wafer from an usher. They are in a screw-top container on a separate plate.



## Prayer Chain Information

To call in a prayer chain request please notify

Jean Hamilton at 262-284-3734 or  
Gail Weigel at [dweigel@wi.rr.com](mailto:dweigel@wi.rr.com).



## Caring Ministries' Meeting Notes

Thank you notes were sent to:

Hannah Brecke and the liturgical dancers  
Nancy Gierach – Gospeller's dinner and keeping the church sparkling  
Pastor Don Niederfrank – former pastor – sermon 8/5

Pastor Michelle would like to know if you plan to enter the hospital. She is always willing to visit anytime, anywhere.

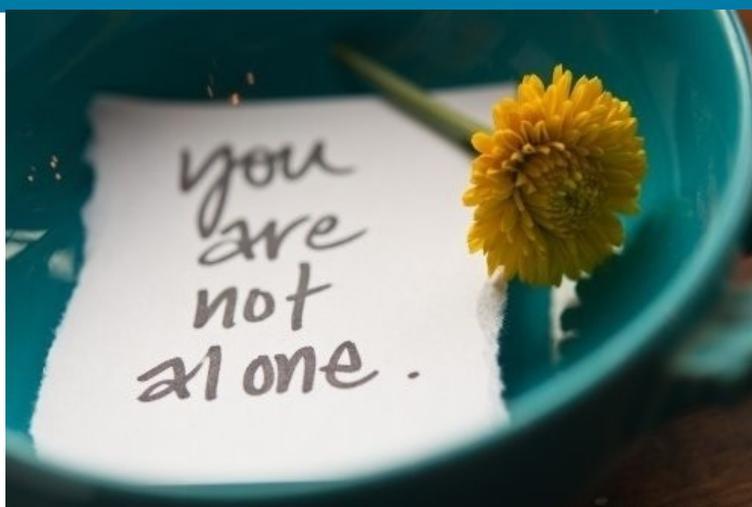
## Library

We encourage you to read and we welcome you to utilize our Children's Library located on the lower level or our Adult Library located in the conference room. We also have magazines available for you to take in the Fireside Room. Did you know that according to [lifehack.org](http://lifehack.org) there are many advantages to reading for all age groups, including: mental stimulation, stress reduction, knowledge, vocabulary expansion, memory improvement, stronger analytical thinking skills, improved focus and concentration, better writing skills, tranquility, and it's free entertainment! If you aren't currently much of a reader, why not start today with a book or magazine borrowed from Parkside Community UCC!



## Caring Cuisine

There are times in each of our lives when a meal is very much appreciated. It may be after recovery from serious surgery, the birth of a child, a death in the immediate family, or another event. Caring Ministries is looking for people who would be willing to be called upon to provide an occasional meal. If you prefer, providing a scrip for a pizza would be welcome. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Jean Hamilton at [jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com) (new email address!) or any member of Caring Ministries.



# Faith Formation – July Meeting

Faith Formation – August Meeting

This Fall season is approaching us and we are excited to start the Church Sunday School year.

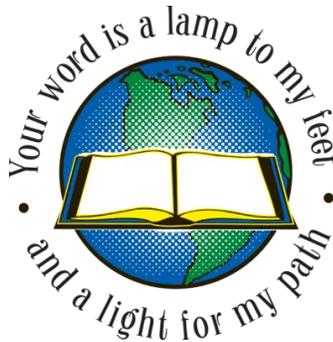
Save the Dates:

September 9 at 9:00 AM - Rally Sunday!

Coffee and Conversation for adults. Let's have

fun learning about God's love through stories, art projects and songs. Showing God's love through mission project.

**Growing  
Together  
in Faith**



September 14 – Family Fun Night: Celebrate our 150th with old church home videos, we will also have crafts, games, and fun! Gathering at 5:30pm with potluck meal at 6:00pm. Please come and join the fun! SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

- Pastor Michelle will be leading Bible 101 classes in October and UCC History and Polity in November on Wednesday evenings. Watch for more details.

We are also excited that the ecumenical Youth Group (PWSEYM) is under way for searching for a Youth Leader. A job description for the part time position is posted on the following page.



Parkside Community UCC was blessed to have the Wisconsin Gospellers perform a free concert in our sanctuary on Saturday, August 4. If you weren't able to attend, you sure missed quite a performance — spirits were lifted and the walls were vibrating while their powerful voices reached right into hearts!

# NOW HIRING: YOUTH DIRECTOR

## Position:

Paid part-time Director of Youth Ministry for the Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry. Flexible hours to be negotiated with Board of Directors with an average of 10-15 hours per week. Report weekly hours to the Board.

## Overview / Summary:

The Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry is a shared ministry of five congregations from three denominations in two communities. Our churches joined together in 2018 to establish an independent non-profit because we saw the need for a vibrant Christian group which welcomes youth grades 6-12 of all faith backgrounds. Together, we seek to create a welcoming and safe community where youth can grow in their relationships with God and with each other. The Youth Director will work closely with pastors, volunteers, and board members from multiple congregations to build relationships, lead events, and implement ministry programming which support the organization's purpose and mission.

## General Expectations, Talents, Skills, & Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will be: A baptized Christian and active member of a congregation in partnership with either the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, or Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Capable of modeling Christian discipleship through words and actions. Passionate about the faith and spiritual lives of youth. Energetic, Engaging, and Creative. Comfortable building relationships with youth and adults, including parents, volunteers, and other faith leaders. Welcoming of persons from a variety of backgrounds, traditions, and identities. Able to clearly communicate the Organization's mission and vision. Regularly present in the community, seeking opportunities to interact with members of multiple congregations. Organized, responsible, dependable, honest, mature, and accessible. Willing to comply with child safety policies at all times (including regular background screening and training). Able to participate in training events and professional development opportunities as available. Maintaining safe boundaries within professional relationships. Proficient in Microsoft office and professional on social media platforms. Experienced in working with teens 6th grade and older. At least 25 years old with a high school degree. Some college preferred in a field related to ministry, counseling, teaching, or experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, working with children, or a related field.

## Responsibilities:

The Director of Youth Ministry will work closely with the board of directors to determine events, goals, and specific responsibilities. Based on an agreed calendar of events and work schedule, the Director is responsible to: Be a spiritual guide and role model for youth and families throughout our community. Plan, publicize, organize, and execute regular events for 6th – 12th grade youth which may include (but is not limited to) weekly gatherings, worship opportunities, service projects, retreats/camp/trips, and fundraisers. Work with congregations to support special events for families with children (including but not limited to: Trunk or Treat, Christmas Program, Easter Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School). Communicate regularly and professionally with individuals and congregations in person, in writing, and electronically. Develop, organize, and implement a ministry which deepens, grows, and enhances the faith of youth through relevant, experiential, authentic, and life-giving experiences. Intentionally develop professional and life-giving relationships with youth, volunteers, and parents. Recruit and train adult volunteers. Ensure all volunteers follow child safety policies. Ensure that essential documents are in place, updated, and distributed in a timely fashion (included but not limited to: youth directory, calendars, registration forms, copyright licensing, budgets, etc.) Offer timely, creative solutions to concerns raised about the youth ministry

Please send resume to Ray Shupe at [shuper54@yahoo.com](mailto:shuper54@yahoo.com) by September 13.

# online GIVING

easy. fast. effective

No matter, how big or small of an amount you want to give, online giving and text giving is now available at Parkside Community UCC.

Did you forget to bring your checkbook to service? Is it more convenient for you to use your credit card? Were you not able to make it to service on Sunday? Now you can make your donation from home in your pj's.

Just visit our website and click "donate" from the top menu, or click [here](#) to be taken directly to the website. You can choose what fund you would like your donation to go into and the amount. Payments are made through a deduction from your bank account or with a credit or debit card. If you wish, you can setup automatic monthly deductions from your bank account by calling the church office at 262-284-0588.

For text giving, just text the word "Parkside" to the phone number 73256. You will receive a reply with a link and you just follow the simple instructions to choose the amount and account.

With online giving and text giving, Parkside Community UCC will incur standard processing fees, but if it is more convenient for you to give this way, we encourage you to do so.

# Give

# Scrip is fundraising while you shop!

[shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)

It's time for back to school! Help your favorite college kids supply their dorm room with a Target gift and help Parkside at the same time!

Maybe you have some family and friends with fall birthdays? Why not give them the gift of a scrip card?! We have Kohls, Subway, Home Depot, Starbucks, and many more different cards in stock!

Look for scrip after service on Sunday or call the Church Office at 262-284-0588.

Now you can purchase scrip online! Register online by going to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and click "join a program". Enter this enrollment code: 644FL18L11748 for Parkside Community UCC.

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## Anti-Trafficking Advocates

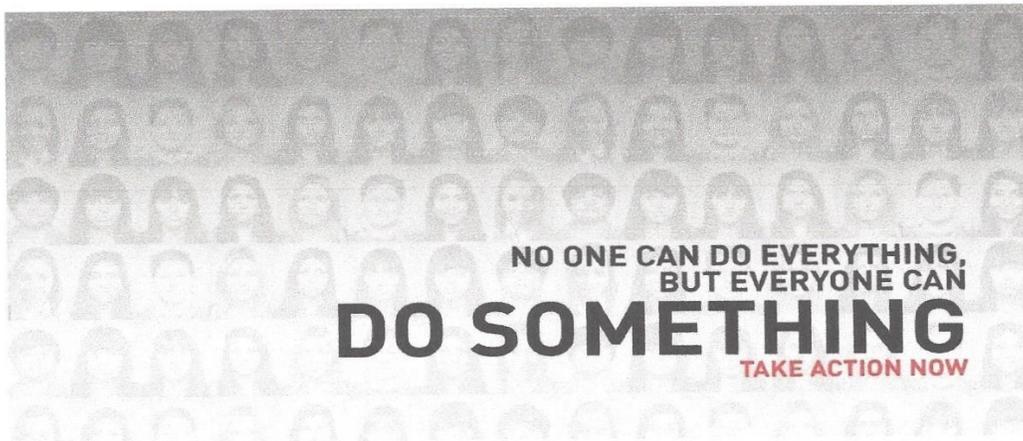
Join us for  
*A Conversation about Human Trafficking*

**Wed, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

@ Jack Russell Mem. Library – Hartford (100 Park Ave.)

### **Focus Topic**

Foster Care & Sex Trafficking;  
How can we do better to protect these kids?



Contact: [fg.4life@yahoo.com](mailto:fg.4life@yahoo.com) / 262-397-8689 / Wendy Smith – Jason Wix  
<https://www.facebook.com/WCAntiTraffickingAdvocates/>

*“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,  
for the rights of all who are destitute.”*

*Proverbs 31:8*

National Human Trafficking  
Resource Center (NHTRC)

1-888-3737-888

[www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org](http://www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org)

POLARIS  
PROJECT

Call the Parkside church office at 262-284-0588 for carpool information.

# WI, we need to talk.



**Talking about human trafficking is hard, experiencing it is harder.**

Find out more at  
**WisconsinTalks.org** or call **211.**



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# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Council Meeting Highlights from August 14, 2018 Council Meeting

Pastor Michelle, Mark Gierach, Heather Rogge, Wally Quade, Sue Sarver, Henry Rogge, Alex Fuentes, Michelle Fuentes, Joan Brecke

President Gierach called meeting to order at 6:32pm. Pastor Michelle opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report: Ideas have been implemented from St. Louis music workshop. Determining which two books for fall book study. Looking at other mission opportunities for the congregation. Vacation September 17-22. She will only be working 30-32 hours of week. Will attend Moon Beach Clergy Retreat.

July Council Minutes: Brecke motioned to accept as submitted. 2nd Sarver. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Fuentes presented June and July financials. Quade made the motion, Brecke seconded to approve as presented.

### Committees

Faith Formation/Youth – Working on determining curriculum. Ecumenical Youth Group meet.

Stewardship – No report.

Worship – No report. Kathy Parsons has volunteered to play during service.

Building & Grounds – Working on bids for upcoming projects. Thank you to Sue Sarver for yard work. Air conditioners have been recharged and filters changed. Wally will install shower head in parsonage. Lot work will be done in the next three weeks or so.

Caring – No report.

Missions – Watched video “Chosen Plus” on human trafficking. Will be organizing a meeting for the community on trafficking. Family Promise week of Sept 9. Family Promise needs extra long blankets.

Heather Rogge asked to be excused at this point in the meeting for work. Thanks to Joan Brecke for taking minutes for the rest of the meeting.

150th - nothing new - 9/30 Rev. Jane Anderson preaching & 10/28 Pastor Franz preaching & lunch following

Old Business - Pastoral Relations Committee added another member - Chelene Golownia - still looking for another female - Pastor Michelle to make a couple of calls.

New business - ADRC - Senior meal sight — Marks recommends we ask them for usage fee of \$25/ meeting to cover utilities and maintenance, Mark will follow through with this. (Amount is negotiable)

A2A (handicapped accessibility) - Pastor Michelle brought up the fact that a friend of hers who worshipped with us (she is in a wheelchair) was very impressed with our accessibility & suggested we complete the paperwork to be recognized as a A2A church. Pastor Michelle will complete this.

Motion to adjourn by Wally, second by Sue.



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**Craft & Vendor Show**

**SEPTEMBER 29 10AM TO 3PM**



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**166 W. Dekora Street, Saukville**

**Vendors Welcome! Booths start at \$35**

**EVENT PAGE:**  
[www.parksideucc.com/shop](http://www.parksideucc.com/shop)

For more info contact Nicole Gierach  
at [nicole.gierach@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole.gierach@yahoo.com)  
or call 262-689-9920



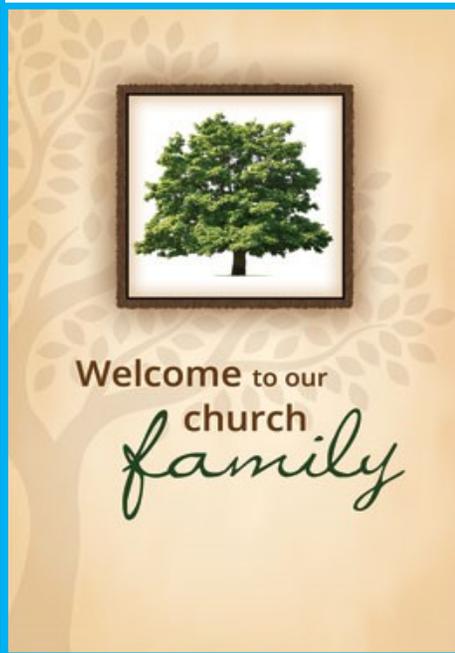
# Worship in Grady Park



On August 12, Parkside Community UCC held Worship in Grady Park with a blessing of the animals, potluck picnic, and special music by Bella Musik. It was a beautiful day for sharing in fellowship and great music!

## New Member Welcome

On July 8 we welcomed two new members, sisters Donna Koehler and Mary Kiepert. To Mary and Donna: Welcome and we look forward to growing in faith with you both! (note: picture below is of Donna, Mary was unable to attend the new member welcome service.)



## Stewardship Update

Stewardship Committee did not meet in August. Next meeting will be Monday September 10 at 6 PM.

# youth MINISTRY kickoff event

Have you been feeling like there is a lack of opportunities for youth in your congregation to continue to grow in their faith especially once they are confirmed?

Is your congregation hosting youth events that are always attended by the same handful of youth and run by the same volunteer parents?

Are your children complaining that they are not enjoying the church based activities that are targeted to them?

If you answered YES! to any of the above questions, you may be excited to learn that five area congregations from three denominations (United Church of Christ, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and United Methodist Church) have formed an independent non-profit organization specifically to create a welcoming, FUN, and safe community where youth grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> can grow in their relationships with God and with each other. We are currently recruiting for a part-time paid youth director to lead this group.

Have you been dreaming about a vibrant Christian youth group in the Port Washington-Saukville area that would give your child opportunities to connect with a larger community of like-minded teens for both social and mission based activities that they would actually enjoy participating in?

Please join us for our kick-off on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00PM at the Family Center of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church (505 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington) to learn more about the organization and to meet other families and youth from participating congregations. Invite friends or neighbors who may also be interested- all faith traditions are welcome! Meat and beverages will be provided, bring a side dish to share. Youth will have an opportunity at this event to submit their ideas for a good name for the group, and also their ideas for programming.

## SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:



# Family Promise<sup>®</sup> of Ozaukee County

### **Parkside Community UCC Hosts Family Promise Guests Week of September 9**

Parkside Community UCC will be hosting Family Promise guests the week of September 9. If you can help with meals or spend the night, please contact Joan Brecke at [joanbrecke@gmail.com](mailto:joanbrecke@gmail.com) or call the church office at 262-284-0588.

Family Promise helps homeless and low-income families and single women in Ozaukee County achieve sustainable independence. Our mission is to assist those in need to rebuild their lives with compassion by providing resources and services to empower people that are experiencing homelessness. Many of our clients often have little or no income and often are dealing with a disability. We are also a resource for those that are at risk of becoming homeless.

Volunteers are at the heart of Family Promise; without them, it cannot exist. Volunteers provide a variety of services: cooking and serving meals, playing with children, helping with homework, and staying overnight. Beyond providing lodging and meals, volunteers interact with the guests, treating them with respect and responding with compassion.





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Please submit newsletter items to the church at  
**saukvilleucc@att.net** by **September 23.**  
for the **October 2018 Newsletter.**

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