

## NEWSLETTER

**APRIL 2022** 

## Easter is for You

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"Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." - 1 Corinthians 15:20

Mary Magdalene stumbled through the dawn until "Christ is risen" destroyed her faith in the grave. Mary heard it first, early in the morning. Death had been defeated. Not just Christ's, but because of his, hers as well.

How long did it take the news to reach Pontius Pilate? You know he heard it. Whispered as a rumor or hollered by a preacher. "Easter is for you, Pontius Pilate!"

History suggests he didn't believe a word. Imagine if he had. Pilate could have changed. Easter could have healed whatever demon drove him. Why keep a death grip on power when you've been handed eternity? Pilate could have been transformed. He had his chance. And he kept his faith in the grave. It's too late for him.

But not for you. Will Easter change you? You could listen to wounded people tell their stories long after boredom has set in. You could let harried young parents go before you at the grocery store. Only a fool wants to rush through eternity. You could forgive. Forever is far too long to bear a grudge. You could call your loved ones from the office, pull your children out of school for a day at the zoo, stare at the sky for 45 minutes without moving, letting your soul become coordinated to the rhythm of spring breeze, blue sky, early daffodil.

You could go deeper, let down all of your defenses, take off all your armor. You don't need it anymore. Death itself has been defeated. Breathe deep. Live easy. Take a step toward heaven. Not by dying, but by realizing that death has been destroyed. Eternity has just begun. Christ is risen! Not as an isolated miracle, but as the first of many. Get ready. You might be next.

### Prayer

Thank you God! We don't understand Easter, but we grab ahold of it anyhow, rejoicing, unnerved and grateful as you lift us up with Jesus.

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 8, 2022

SUBMITTED BY SUE SARVER

Present: Heather Rogge, Sue Sarver, Kathy Tauben, Kaitlyn Watry, Wally Q, and Pastor Susan D.

Open with prayer: Pastor Susan

Council Minutes: Motion made by Kaitlyn W. to accept the February minutes, second by Wally Q. motion passed.

Treasurer report- Motion made by Sue S. to accept the Treasure report for February, second by Kaitlyn W. Motion passed.

Pastor Report - Worship preparation, confirmation class is going very well, approved to purchase T-Shirts for the class. Pastor has registered for boundary training and the Annual Conference being held in June.

#### Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- An offer has been made for a director for Lighthouse, the birthday gift bags were a success.

Stewardship: No meeting held

Worship: No meeting held.

Building & Grounds: Will be looking to obtain a quote to resurface the parking lot and seal the exterior of the church building.

Caring- No meeting held; Prayer list being provided.

Missions- Future project toiletries bags for Bob Under The Bridge. Will be creating Easter baskets that will be distributed so some of the home bound.

Pastors Relation- Next meeting 3/13/22

Reimaging Task Force- Meeting date change -please watch future date,

### Old Business:

### New Business:

WI Conference Annual Meeting June 10-12 Kathy T will be attending if you are interested, please let the office know,

Approval for ad to be placed in the Oz. Press for Easter service, also looking into possible mailers to be sent. There will be Maundy Thursday Service and then 10:00 Easter Service. Window signage approved.

YMCA -as a follow up to our annual meeting it has been confirmed that the YMCA will continue with the contract that is in place -no changes need to be made.

Motion to adjourn by Kaitlyn W. second by Sue S, motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

# SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you want to tune in to any of our services, please use these Facebook and YouTube links. Services are posted about 2 hours after completion and remain posted on our YouTube channel, so you can always go back and view something you may have missed.





YOU CAN READ PASTOR SUSAN'S SERMONS ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE:

<u>https://www.parksideucc.com/sermons.ht</u> <u>ml</u>



## STEWARDSHIP

Dates for the 2022 Rummage Sale!!

### **Drop off:**

Sunday, May 29 after church. Monday, May 30 (by appointment)

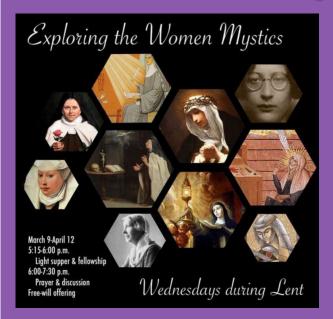
<u>Drop Off and Set Up:</u> Wednesday, June 1 from 8am - 5pm

### Rummage Sale Dates:

Thursday, June 2 8am-7pm Friday, June 3 8am-5pm Saturday, June 4 8am-noon \$5/bag sale

Please start saving your treasures to bring to the sale. Also, if possible, block out a few hours of your time to help as much as you can. Thank you.

# Wednesdays in Lent



Join us Wednesdays in Lent for a light supper, fellowship, prayer, and discussion event in conjunction with A Place to be to Be Spirituality Center -- "Exploring the Women Mystics." These services will be held Wednesdays, March 9 - April 12. Light supper and fellowship from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Prayer and discussion from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We begin with a couple of questions:

- Are you living a life of depth and reality, or do you sometimes feel that yours is a superficial existence, that you live on the surface?
- Is God a living and breathing reality in the core of your being or merely a guy sitting on a throne in heaven?
- Are you experiencing the fullness of Christ or are you merely snacking and nibbling at Christianity?

If you've ever asked yourself questions like these and have not been entirely pleased with your answers, allow yourself to be introduced to some women who can show you a better way to live. Each week we will be introduced to, pray with, and learn from two women mystics while exploring our own mystical experiences, deepening our experience of and connection to our God.

Free will offering. Register in advance for the meal via this <u>link</u>.



Palm Sunday is coming up! April 10th, Service at 10am

Maundy Thursday Service 5:15pm Light Supper 6:00pm Service



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April	3	Kathy Parsons (80 Years!)
April	6	Mike Smith
April	7	Hazel Smith
April	8	Wally Quade
April	13	Rev. Julie Jennings
April	18	Lynn Beck
April	24	Paul Zachow
April	29	Diane Heimerl
April	30	Brodie Brecke





Ginny & James Brown

Married April 2, 1956

Laughter is timeless. imagination has no age. And dreams are forever.

- Walt Disney



puts a twinkle in your eye and a smile in your heart

### MISSIONS MINISTRY



# SALE ON LOTIONS & CANDLES

We continue to sell the lotions and candles to benefit the <u>Franciscan</u> <u>Peacemakers</u> organization. Look for them in the Fireside Room.

Please consider making a purchase to help support the fight against human trafficking. They make great Valentine's gifts!



### CARING MINISTRIES

Equal Exchange Organic Fair Trade Chocolate is on sale, stop in the Fireside Room and pickup a bar for \$2 each.

CARMEL (43% cacao)
MILK (43a% cacao)
ALMOND DARK (55% cacao)
VERY DARK (71% cacao)
EXTREME DARK (88% cacao)

All proceeds go to benefit the Caring Committee.



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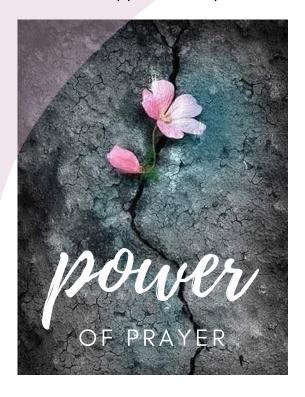
Our prayer team has 28 members ready to pray for you or your loved ones. Please see or email Gail if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Team. Our members receive an updated list each month and are asked to pray in their own way for a specific portion of the list. To call in a prayer request, please notify Jean Hamilton at 262-284-3734 / jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com or Gail Weigel atdweigel@wi.rr.com.

Look for the Prayer Family card on the round table in the Fireside Room, as well. Please sign the cards. You can add a brief message, if you wish.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through Fair Trade and handmade greeting card sales. These items are located on the shelf next to the office and are available for sale.

Communion Wafers—Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Be sure to look for the gluten free label on the baggie.

Soup Ministry—There are times in each of our lives when a light meal is very much appreciated. Caring Ministries has frozen quarts of homemade soup available. See any member of the Caring Ministries Team if you know of a member who would appreciate a quart.



Prayer Families for the Month:

April 3 - Mike & Sandy Smith

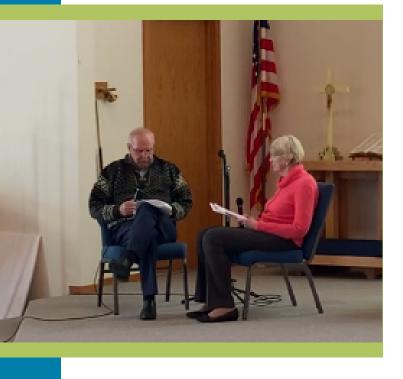
April 10 - Mike Chapel Family: Michael, Lori, Jacob, Benjamin, and Matthew

April 17 - Abbey Beck

April 24 - Bethel, Olivia, and Baker Metz

To protect our members' privacy we cannot publish mailing addresses. If you are in need of a family's address, please contact the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net or 262-284- 0588 and we can email or mail you an updated membership list with addresses.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS



3 APR, SUN Accompanist: Mike Chapel

Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg

AV: Bill Karrels

Fellowship Time: Matt DeGroff

Reader: Ingrid Newlin

10 APR, SUN Accompanist: Mike Chapel

Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan

AV: Bill Karrels

Fellowship Time: Sandy Dickmann

Reader: Sandy Dickmann

17 APR. SUN Accompanist: Mike Chapel

Altar Flowers: Heather Rogge

AV: Bill Karrels

Fellowship Time: Jessica Lemberg

Reader: Gail Weigel

24 APR, SUN Accompanist: Mike Chapel

Altar Flowers: Kathy Quade

AV: Bill Karrels

Fellowship Time: Ingrid Newlin

Reader: Marla Race

We are so thankful to all of those who have opened their heart to serving as volunteers for our weekly worship services! To help keep track of who is scheduled on any given Sunday, we have created a public calendar on the Parkside website so anyone can access it at anytime to see when an individual is scheduled. To view the calendar go to parksideucc.com and click on the "About" menu and look for "Worship Volunteers". A direct link to the calendar is here.

We are so excited to have coffee and fellowship time back after our worship services, but we are looking for more folks to help with making the coffee and bringing snacks. If you can help, please email the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net.



## ORDER EASTER FLOWERS DUE APRIL 3

This year's Easter flower order is due Sunday, April 3. The flowers will be ordered from the Flower Source greenhouse in Germantown so we will have a slightly different selection of choices: Tulips \$10 for a 6 inch pot; Daffodils \$10 for a 6 inch pot; \$13 for a potted lily with one stem; \$13 for a potted mum in a variety of spring colors; \$20 for a potted azalea.

Please look for printable order forms on our website via this <u>link</u>. Or, if you prefer, you can pick up a form from the offering table on Sunday after service. We ask that you please place the completed order forms with your flower payment in the offering basket. Please do not add your flower payment to your giving donation so we can ensure

it is applied to the correct account. Checks payable to Parkside Community UCC.







## YOUTH GROUP EASTER PROJECTS

☑ Thirty-six (36) children served by Family Promise will not have Easter Baskets this year unless we help. Lighthouse Youth Ministry congregations have taken on the opportunity to collect supplies, and the Lighthouse youth will assemble the baskets. Please collect the items listed below by congregation by Friday, April 8th. We will gather to assemble the baskets on Sunday, April 10th, at noon for a pizza lunch and then basket assembly.

We have split the list by congregations. The following is what Parkside is asked to donate:

- 1. Done 36 baskets Marla will get baskets. We are still in need see below items:
- 2. Easter grass for each basket
- 3. Cellophane wrap for baskets 10-12 rolls
- 4. Easter-themed ribbon to tie around baskets



Please let me know if you want me to pick up items for donations from your location. You can drop off at church in donation box. 262 284-9528 leave a message for Marla Race.



Place Stamp Here

### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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