

MAY 2023



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWSLETTER

News & updates from our church for our community

MAY IS
**Mental
Health
Awareness**
MONTH



Mental health awareness month has been around since 1949, yet we still struggle to make a significant dent in breaking the stigma of not being ok. Odds are that 1 in 4 people will experience some type of mental health problem during their lifetime, so a good percentage of us will have it hit very close to home.

Whether it comes in the form of anxiety, depression, PTSD, autism, a personality disorder, or dementia; it will undoubtedly open your eyes to the reality and seriousness of just how much of an impact mental health disorders can have on a person's life. Let's make it ok to talk about our mental health by making a point to be non judgemental and show compassion and kindness to one another and all those who suffer. Educate yourself and find help at nami.org

*The latest in
this month's issue:*

COUNCIL MINUTES

LIGHTHOUSE UPDATES

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

BAPTISM

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



May Mission: Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the work of our conference and the national United Church of Christ to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church, accessible to all. The offering funds leadership development, youth and young adult ministries, and new and renewing congregations.

What does it mean for us to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church? United Church Camps, Inc., an outdoor ministry related to the Wisconsin Conference UCC, took this question to heart. It renamed its oldest outdoor ministry site as the Daycholah Center, incorporating the Ho-Chunk name for Green Lake, chosen to honor the Ho-Chunk people who were the original keepers of this land.

The process began at the 2019 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Conference UCC. The conference adopted a resolution repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. The Doctrine was used to justify the seizure of land from indigenous people. Conversation between Ho-Chunk UCC members and On Holy Ground Acknowledging Holy Ground Outdoor ministry leadership identified that a retreat center with "Pilgrim" in it could be offensive and a barrier to living out the camp mission.

The Alliance for Justice, a justice initiative started from the Ho-Chunk UCC in Black River Falls with funding from the national UCC, facilitated a process of deep spiritual work. The multi-year process offered UCCI the gift of a name: Daycholah Center.

(continued on next page)



May Mission: Strengthen the Church (continued)

People gathered to rededicate the center on Indigenous Peoples' Day, Oct. 11. There were speakers, a fire circle and a shared meal. Karena Thundercloud, vice president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, captured the essence of the day and of Outdoor Ministry when she asked us to “think about the life of this lake, (how it) brought us together, and will continue to connect us in our greatest identity as a community.”

The compassionate and generous spirit of the Ho-Chunk people filled the air. They gave us gifts of blankets and star quilts, leather pouches containing passages of Scripture on small scrolls, fragrant cedar pouches and a hand-carved walking stick. They performed traditional smudging and presented UCCI with a Ho-Chunk Nation flag that will fly over Daycholah's welcome center.

On Holy Ground Through the Strengthen the Church Offering, we help support the work of conferences and the national setting as we become a multi-racial / multi-cultural church.



SCAN ME 



SUBMITTED BY KAITLYN BECK

Council Members Present: President: Heather Rogge, Vice President: Sue Sarver, Treasurer: Joan Brecke, Secretary: Kaitlyn Watry, Christian Lemberg

Open with prayer by Heather R.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Joan B. to accept the March meeting minutes, second by Sue S. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Sue S. to accept the March treasurer report, second by Kait W. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation/Youth: The Lighthouse Youth Group is continuing to do mission work and the adult faith formation group continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00a.m.

Stewardship: No report, the rummage sale and craft fair will go on this year.

Worship: Thank you to Sue S. and Joan B. for decorating the sanctuary during Lent and Easter, it looked beautiful! Thank you to those of you that ordered Easter flowers, they were beautiful as well. The Ecumenical partnership during Lent went good this year. Would like to go back to regular communion once the kits run out.

Building and Grounds: Need to follow up with Wally and Carrie about the fire range/suppression system in the kitchen and make sure we had it cleaned/tested every six months.

Caring: Prayer list went out.

Missions: Is holding a meeting with committee members/spouses to talk about the upcoming missions and plans. Easter baskets were delivered to the seniors at different nursing homes. Looking for missions to tithe 10% of the parsonage sale to.

Old Business: None to report

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2023

New Business:

There have been two more applicants for the Pastor position; the council will try to set up zoom interviews with them for Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00 and 7:00p.m.

A designated interim pastor contract was drafted and Heather R. will present to Pastor Laura, if approved, that will go into effect on May 1, 2023.

After closing we have about \$244,000 from the parsonage sale, these are some ideas how to divide the money

- 10% to tithe comes to approximately \$24,000-25,000
- Approximately \$219,000 left after we tithe the 10%
 - Would like to set aside \$50,000 for the new av system
 - Then about \$175,000 is remaining
 - Would like to put \$100,000 to Maintenance Trust Fund
 - Would like to put \$75,000 to General Fund
 - Money from the church house upkeep budget line will be moved to the general fund
- A suggestion box will be set out for mission ideas to tithe for a month, Joan will talk to the missions committee about gathering a list of mission suggestions if people need ideas.
- Thank you to Joan for all the help on the sale and closing of the parsonage.
- Updating the investment policy for the maintenance trust fund.
- Heather is still working on updating the A Place to Be rental agreement.
- When making a purchase for the church we should use the tax exempt certificate, hard copies of the certificate are in the mailboxes under forms.
- The Southeast Association annual meeting is on April 29, 2023 from 8:30-1:30 at Pilgrim UCC in Grafton, WI. Pastor Laura is registered and Heather may attend as well.
- Our new insurance contact is Brayelle Burkhart with Sovereign Insurance, policy was updated with the sale of the parsonage, effective March 27, 2023.
- Need to update our emergency contact information with the police department, Joan and Christian will be added.

Close with the Lord's prayer.

Motion to adjourn made by Christian and second by Sue.

Meeting adjourned.



Caring Ministries Updates

Prayer Families:

May 7 - Chip and Jane Elbe

May 14 - Paul, Connie, Lauren, Lizzy,
and Alexander Saler

May 21 - Daniel and David Dollert

May 28 - Matthew, Evan, Brodie, and
Hannah Brecke

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.

Our Prayer Team's prayer list is updated every month. Please let Gail Weigel know if you are interested in this mission. You are asked to pray for a specific portion of the list in whatever way you are comfortable. Information is sent via email so you do not need to pass it on.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through the purchase of handmade cards. We are no longer included in the church budget so we appreciate your support with card sales.

To call in a prayer request, please email Gail at saukvilleucc@att.net

Missions Committee Update



The Missions Committee would like congregational input regarding the tithing of a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage.

There will be a box and short poll in the narthex of the church during the Month of May along with some poll questions. Please provide your valuable input during this opportunity to give back. The missions committee will then meet again, tentatively in June, to get a pulse of the congregation and make recommendations in terms of moving forward.

Welcome New Members!



On Sunday, April 23 we welcomed three new members to the Parkside Church Family. Welcome to David Hodgson, Brenda Wingard-Haynes, and Ed Haynes. We are blessed to share our faith journeys with you all!

WORSHIP



If you would like to volunteer to help with worship services, please contact Carrie in the Church office at saukvilleucc@att.net 262-284-0588.

*volunteers plant seeds of love
that help countless hearts
to grow...*



MAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

7	MAY, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Heather Rogge AV: Bill Karrels Communion Setup & Cleanup: Sue Sarver Fellowship Time: Ingrid Newlin Pulpit Supply: Heather Rogge Reader: Gail Weigel Record Service: ?
14	MAY, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Kathy Quade AV: Sue Sarver (no Bill or Christian) Designated Interim Pastor: Rev. Laura Blanco Fellowship Time: Kathy Tauben Reader: Marla Race Record Service: ?
21	MAY, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Joan Brecke AV: Bill Karrels Designated Interim Pastor: Rev. Laura Blanco Fellowship Time: Matt Degroff Reader: Ron Newlin Record Service: ?
28	MAY, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg AV: Christian Lemberg Designated Interim Pastor: Rev. Laura Blanco Fellowship Time: Sandy Dickmann Reader: Sandy Dickmann Record Service: ?



Family Promise

of Ozaukee County

updates

We currently have 12 individuals (6 adults and 6 children) at the Portlight Shelter.

- a single mother with 1 child
- a single woman
- a single mother with 3 children
- a single mother with 2 children
- a single man
- a single man

The following churches have signed up to bring upcoming meals:

- Week of April 24 - Unitarian Church North
- Week of May 1 - Crossroads Presbyterian
- Week of May 8 - Mequon United Methodist
- Week of May 15 - Community United Methodist and St. Boniface Episcopal
- Week of May 22 - Grace Lutheran (Grafton) and Pilgrim UCC
- Week of May 29 - Grand Avenue United Methodist and Christ the King

Thank you to everyone that donated for Giving Day! Our goal was to raise \$15,000, and we were able to raise \$8,112.30.

The Family Promise Wish List on Amazon has been updated with immediate needs at the Portlight Shelter. If you are able, please share this link with your congregation. Click here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PSDVRRW02N25/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

If you have donations that you would like to drop off, please bring them to the main office at 136 W. Grand Avenue. The main office is open Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Thursday and Friday, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Our next Volunteer Coordinator Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. We will meet in person and also by Zoom. Beginning with this meeting, we will record the meetings and send the link to everyone who could not attend.

Thank you for your continued support!



May Events

May 6th, 9:00 am-12:00 pm – Outdoor Service Project
Help us out as we serve our neighbors and care for God's creation with an outdoor service project. We will be participating in the "Community Clean Up Day" sponsored by the Port Parks and Rec Department.



Students should please be dropped off at Veteran's Memorial Park (410 N. Lake Street in Port). From there, we will have drivers available to help transport everyone to our specific service site around town. Please pick up students from Lighthouse around noon (we will get in touch with you if it's going to be significantly earlier as we aren't 100% sure how long the project will take).



May 21st 7-8pm, School's Out Party

Come and celebrate the (almost) end of another crazy school year with all your Lighthouse friends. Food, games, and fun guaranteed!

Also, please note we will be taking the month of June off and there will be no scheduled Lighthouse events during that time. Enjoy some time with your families and other activities and stay tuned for what we have planned for the rest of the summer!

Lighthouse events are open to all students in grades 5-12. Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved? Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org

The youth in Lighthouse have been busy with missions and fun. Thank you to the congregation for donated the books toys and candy. They assembled 25 Easter Baskets for Family Promise Children. The children were also able to fill approximately 1300 eggs for the Egg My Yard event. Great success! planning on doing it again next year. Sunday on the 23rd one of the fun events was enjoyed by 11 children and three adults. Dinner and bowling at Circle B in Cedarburg.

Faith Formation: Sunday April 16th Oskar S , was baptized and presented with his first Bible from Faith Formation. Currently we have no active children in Sunday School. We do have some children attending worship service. We have the Moses basket available for children during service. Many adults are enjoying participating in Coffee and Conversation on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. You can bet walking passed you will hear some laughter.

Peace and blessings, Marla Race



Celebration of Baptism

Welcome Oskar!



On Sunday, April 16, 2023 we celebrated the baptism of Oskar Eugene Schaefer, son of Derek and Natalie. Oskar's sponsors were his Uncle Jeffrey and Aunt Emily Gengler.

Welcome baby Oskar and may the Lord bless you and watch over you today and forever, fill your heart with peace, and may you never forget that you are a child of God and you are wonderfully made!



Happy Birthday

May 2	Abbey Hein
May 2	Kaitlyn Watry
May 10	Heather Rogge
May 11	Bill Neumann (91!)
May 17	Bonnie Dollert
May 23	Emma Salamone
May 25	Dan Weigel
May 28	Bernard Heimerl
May 29	Joseph Golownia
May 30	Sandy Dickmann



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

166 W. DEKORA STREET
PO BOX 80304
SAUKVILLE, WI 53080-0304



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CONTACT US

PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UCC
PO BOX 80304
166 W. DEKORA STREET
SAUKVILLE, WI 53080

PHONE: 262-284-0588

EMAIL:
SAUKVILLEUCC@ATT.NET

WEB: PARKSIDEUCC.COM