



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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NEWSLETTER

News & updates from our church for our community

a living Psalm

PRELUDE:

It's Thanksgiving. A time to give thanks and recognize and look inward at our challenges and blessings.

Praise to you, God, in Zion and all diverse parts of the world. Holy One, we vow to open our hearts to your will. Praise be to you, the One who answers prayers. All of humanity shall come to you, The Holy of Israel. When we are overwhelmed by our human frailty and how many times we mess it up. Awesome are you, Holy One who forgives us when we want to beat ourselves up or simply quit.

We are thrilled that you choose us and invite us into community as we live close to your hearts. We say "wow," as we experience the goodness of your house. Your Holy House embraces all of us. We hear, "Welcome, we're thrilled you're here. Como estas? (How are you?). Your action deliverance liberates us from our sins and our pasts that never seem to want to away. God of our lives you are the awesome one. Your Spirit brings hope no matter what's going on and we are grateful. You are with us to the ends of the earth and the seas no matter how far they may be. By your strength and love you established the mountains. Your love and compassion lead us towards the light of goodness. You silence the roaring of the waves and turmoil among your diverse peoples, our values and beliefs. All over the world people are in awe and your wonders, the water of life that you share without hesitation and your loving kindness. The morning raising of the sun and the going down of the same bring joyful songs from those who love who are grateful for our many challenges and ultimate blessings.

Creator, your visitation and Spirit upon the earth and the water that overflows bless our lives with your grace, mercy and compassion. You provide us with a harvest, a Thanksgiving meal, for you are the caretaker of caretakers and never forget our human needs. Your waters drench us, and we are most appreciative. In the dryness of our lands, we understand the majesty of your gift of water which blesses our crops and grows food abundantly. How can we ever show our gratitude? Sovereign, wherever you go richness abounds. You are crowned and we celebrate your wondrous deeds among us. The land overflows with your blessings, the hills pause to soak in joy; your eternal love for us is unending and so is our gratitude.

All of nature clothes itself with your bounty. We feed ourselves with the abundant gifts that the land provides for us. The hills, meadows, valleys and we, your people, shout and sing as one for joy. Joy expresses our gratitude for all you do for us.

Living Psalm 65 for Thanksgiving Day (A) was written by the Rev. Justo Gonzalez, II, Designated Pastor, Spring Hill UCC, FL.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November	1	Hannah Brecke
November	6	Frank Parsons (86 years!)
November	10	Christian Lemberg
November	12	Matthew Brecke
November	14	Layla Brock
November	20	Trinity Fuentes
November	22	Nicole Golownia
November	27	Lauren Saler
November	27	Rev. Susan Drake



MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND MEETING MINUTES

10/18/22

Maintenance Trust Committee Meeting -Kris S, Joan B, Heather R, Sandy D, Ron N, Sue S

Open with Prayer – Ron N.

Kris S reviewed quarterly summary provided by Annex Wealth Management (Consultant) at this time there is \$266,403.53. Economy is playing a role in the reduction of this investment.

Joan B – reviewed status of current income coming into the church and changes in the future (ex: Rental with Family Promise is ending at the parsonage)

Kris S at the ending of 2022 will be stepping down as chair person. To avoid conflict to fill this position it should not be someone who holds a position on church council.

Thank you, Kris for all of your years of service on this committee.

Motion by Sandy D to adjourn, second by Joan B, motion passed



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11

SUBMITTED BY SUE SARVER

October 11, 2022

Council Meeting

Present: Heather Rogge, Sue Sarver, Kaitlyn Watry, Joan B, Kathy T

Open with prayer: Heather

Council Minutes: Motion made by Joan B. to accept the September minutes with correction Adult Faith Formation is using Weekly Seeds.; second Kaitlyn W. motion passed.

Treasurer report- Motion made by Kaitlyn W to accept the Treasure report for September, second by Kathy T. Motion passed.

Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- Lighthouse Trick or Treat gathering food for the Food Pantry, pizza party to follow.

Stewardship: Stewardship Campaign – From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving pledge cards to be distributed.

Worship: November 20th potluck and Advent decorating. Tuesday Nov. 22nd Christ the King hosting Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Building & Grounds: No report

Caring- Prayer list being provided.

Missions- Putting bags together for home bound for Halloween, Will be having the sock drive again this year. Family Promise new facility in Port Washington called Portlight Emergency Shelter will be doing a supply drive -watch for further details.

Old Business:

Annual Congregational Meeting – Nov. 13 following church service – Election for Church Secretary, Member at Large, and Maintenance Trust. If you are interested, please contact a church council member.

Church Parsonage- Gathering information as to what our options will be -further discussions

Church Profile Submission – need to confirm that this has been done.

Nine Ladies Dancing will be using the fellowship hall Nov 12th -Joan will open and close the church.

New Business:

Received letter from the Village of Saukville regarding water advisory have been posted around church.

Received requested days from Carrie to be out of office Dec. 13, 14, 26, 28, 29 and 30th.

January 1st Service will be held in Fireside room – join us for Coffee & Cozy.

November Council meeting review of church budget for 2023.

Motion to adjourn by Joan B. second by Kathy T., motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer



Caring Ministries

Prayer Families for the month:

November 6 - Carrie, Todd, Sawyer, Reid, and Lauren Rydzewski

November 13 - Wally & Kathy Quade

November 20 - Ingrid & Ron Newlin

November 27 - Donna Koehler



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.



Updates:



We replaced the pens in the pews as the old ones were drying out. It was difficult to find pens that fit the small drilled holes in the pews. Thanks to Carrie for all her help and making sure the correct design and information were on the pens.

Pizza scrip cards were sent to our college students for mid-term exam time. Please keep Henry, Jade, Brody, Olivia, and Baker in your prayers.

Thanks to Jane Elbe for adding get well & encouragement cards to the long list of cards she sends out for Caring Ministries. Thanks to Jean Hamilton for supplying our Sunday cards for our prayer families & others. (Look for the Sunday cards on the high table in the Fireside Room near the treats, and don't forget to sign them!)

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 on information.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through the purchase of handmade cards, which can be found on the shelf next to the office. We are no longer selling the Fair Trade items. We are not included in the church budget so we appreciate your support with card sales.

PRAYER REQUESTS - To call in a prayer request please notify Gail Weigel at gail.weigel@yahoo.com

COMMUNION WAFERS - Gluten-free wafers are available for communion in a separate basket. Be sure to look for the gluten-free label on your Ziplock bag.

DID YOU KNOW?



Coffee & Conversation Resumed

Our 9am Faith Formation for Adults has resumed. It's a casual gathering and conversation that focuses on the lectionary scripture for this Sunday's worship service. Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9am in the Fireside Room!



November 8 is Election Day

We encourage everyone who is eligible to vote! If you are not sure of where to vote please visit myvote.wi.gov



November 6 - Pledge Cards Due

Please help us plan for 2023 by turning in your pledge cards. If for any reason you are unable to fulfill your pledge, we understand, no questions asked. But turning in your pledge does help us plan the budget for the next year. Cards are available in the Narthex.



November 13 - All Congregational Meeting

An All Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13 immediately following the 10am worship service.



November 20 - Potluck & Decorating

November 27 is the First Sunday in Advent, so it's soon time to deck the halls! All are welcome to join us November 27 after service and bring a dish to pass while we enjoy fellowship, food, and decorating!



November 22 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

A Place to Be is once again organizing an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service with Parkside and several other area churches participating. The Service will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7pm at Christ the King in Port. The Service theme will be Kinship.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NOW SEEKING HELP WITH AV, COMMUNION, ALTAR FLOWERS

We are so thankful to all of those who have opened their heart to serve as volunteers for our weekly worship services! Whether you serve as a reader, run the AV equipment, or bring flowers to decorate the altar, please know that you are appreciated! Presently we are looking for a few folks to help run the AV equipment for the Powerpoints displayed at service. No prior experience necessary but any computer experience is helpful. Instructions are provided. We need one more person to join the list of volunteers bringing altar flowers. You would be asked to bring flowers every 5 to 7 weeks. Lastly we are looking for help with setup and cleanup for communion, which is held on the first Sunday of every month. Instructions will be provided.

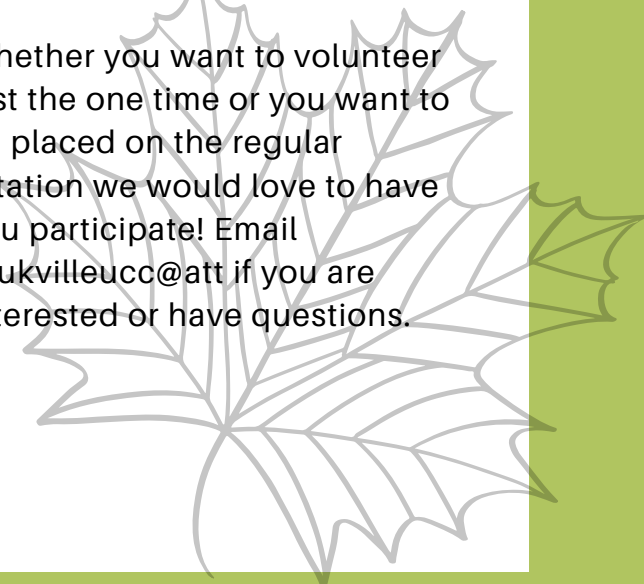
NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

6	NOV, SUN	Accompanist: No Mike Altar Flowers: ? AV: Bill Karrels Communion Setup & Cleanup: Joan Brecke Fellowship Time: Jessica Lemberg Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Ingrid Newlin
13	NOV, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Heather Rogge AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Sandy Dickmann Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Sandy Dickmann
20	NOV, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Kathy Quade AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Kathy Tauben Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Gail Weigel
27	NOV, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Joan Brecke AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Nancy Strehlow Pulpit Supply: Heather Rogge Reader: Marla Race

If you can help please add your name to the signup sheets in the Fireside Room by the office. Or, email the office at saukvilleucc@att.net.

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](#).

Whether you want to volunteer just the one time or you want to be placed on the regular rotation we would love to have you participate! Email [saukvilleucc@att](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) if you are interested or have questions.





UPDATES

We Need Your Help!

As the opening of Portlight, the new emergency shelter in Ozaukee County, approaches, Family Promise needs your help furnishing the facility. You can help out by purchasing as many items as you would like, through our SignUp Genius or Amazon Smile pages.

Below there are two links, one to the SignUp Genius and the other to the Amazon Smile page. Double dip by using Amazon Scrip from Parkside!

You will be able to shop for all the necessities for Family Promise to operate a 24/7 shelter program to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals and families in Ozaukee County.

Thank you for your support of Family Promise and the families and individuals that we serve.

Donations can be dropped off at the Family Promise office during regular business hours.

We thank you for your support of this project. We could not do this without the dedicated community members like you!



USE THE AMAZON SMILE LINK TO ORDER THE MUCH NEEDED ITEMS AND SHIP DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY PROMISE OFFICE!



IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN AMAZON ACCOUNT, SIGN UP WITH SIGN UP GENIUS TO PURCHASE ANY ITEM(S) FROM YOUR STORE OF CHOICE!

NOVEMBER MISSION: FRANCISCAN PEACEMAKERS

an excerpt from franciscanpeacemakers.org

Since 1995, Franciscan Peacemakers has been ministering on the streets of Milwaukee reaching out primarily to women engaging in prostitution but also to the homeless and families living in poverty. Bag lunches, personal care items and referrals to agencies able to address the complexity of women's needs given histories of trauma and abuse provided an avenue to build relationships of trust with women.



The reality that most programs serving women lasted only 60-90 days and frequently ended with the relapse of women to the streets, Franciscan Peacemakers was determined to create a better solution. Inspired by the model of Magdalen House in Nashville (now known as Thistle Farms), Franciscan Peacemakers opened Clare Community in 2014 to provide a more concrete, holistic and long-term option for women seeking a pathway to healing.

Clare Community is a 2-year, spiritually based program which provides rent-free housing while women attend full-time to their recovery and healing. These two years of living in community allows for a woman to really transform her life - building skills, confidence and a strong network of support.

Franciscan Peacemakers' Social Enterprise provides employment for the women of Clare Community and other women survivors in the Milwaukee area who are committed to their healing and recovery. Through the production and sale of all-natural, handmade bath and body products, our employees learn skills in manufacturing, packaging, marketing, sales and administration while earning a living wage in a supportive environment. Women survivors sharing their stories of hope and healing is a powerful antidote to the climate of secrecy surrounding human sex trafficking. Through their work and witness, the employees of Franciscan Peacemakers' Social Enterprise are strong advocates for an end to human sex trafficking.

Education and Advocacy is woven into everything Franciscan Peacemakers does - from the logo-wrapped van circling the streets of Milwaukee looking for women in need to the labels on our soaps sold at community events, churches and farmers' markets throughout the Milwaukee area - Franciscan Peacemakers spreads the message throughout Southeastern Wisconsin that a community-wide effort is needed to end human sex trafficking.

The work to end trafficking starts by standing with and for survivors, reminding them and the world of their inherent dignity. The work to end trafficking includes raising awareness of this dignity to those who create the demand for and who benefit financially from the sexual exploitation of women. The work to end trafficking includes the coordinated effort of community members who can recognize the signs, a strong law enforcement effort to bring traffickers to justice and an abundance of support for the healing needed for survivors, physically, mentally and emotionally.

You can support Franciscan Peacemakers by making a donation in the striped bucket at the offering on Sunday or by purchasing lotions available in the Fireside Room.

ALZHEIMER'S WALK



Team Parkside participated in the Ozaukee County Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 1, it was a small but mighty group, raising over \$500 in funds for the Alzheimer's Association. What a fun family event on a gorgeous fall day, and a great team activity for a good cause!

MISSIONS MINISTRY

In the month of November we will again be collecting new men and women's socks for the homeless through the organization Bob's Under the Bridge. Look for baskets in the back of the sanctuary to collect the socks donations.



**Mr. Bob's
Under the Bridge**
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

At the end of October the Missions Ministry is assembling and donating 50 treat bags to residents in several care homes.



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