PARKSIDE COMMUNITY

— UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST —

Formerly St. Peter's United Church of Christ

January 2018

A Message from Pastor Craig

I hope that everyone has had a joy-filled, hope-lifting, heart-healing, faith-building Christmas!

It was two years ago that I had the opportunity to become a part of this community of St. Peter's United Church of Christ. I was initially asked by the conference to jump in during the third week of Advent "for a couple of weeks" to get the church through the Christmas season. It has been a welcome opportunity - with a very steep learning curve - that I will cherish.

I always knew that the essential element of any successful and productive ministry would be the capacity and opportunity to fall in love with the congregation being served. It was evident early on that doing so would be easy within this church. Falling in love with and being committed to the people of St. Peter's came quickly. The generous and welcoming spirit here was evident from day one.

As this church has ventured forward over these two years and into a bold new future, it will be exciting to watch what comes next. With the 150th Anniversary coming in 2018, the updated identity as Parkside Community United Church of Christ, a new attention-grabbing sign, newly developing partnerships with community organizations and other faith communities in the area, and the newly called pastor Rev. Michelle Freeman joining in this month, there is reason to celebrate and be excited about what is next. I'm confident that everyone who loves this church – it's history, what it stands for now and the promise it brings for the future – will come to the new year with energy and commitment.

And even with this hopefulness, we are hesitant and unsure of what the future will bring for Parkside Community UCC. The coming years are blank pages that will need to be filled with stories of faithful action. Keep these words from Psalm 25 in your heart:

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

I pray for you many blessings for 2018 and for the next 150 years! Thank you for your welcome, support, friendship and faith.

Peace . . . always!

Pastor Craig

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PRAYER

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Prayer Families for the Month:

January 7
Sue and Ryan Paape

January 14
Nancy Strehlow

January 21
Karen Rudolph

January 28
Brad, Celeste, Chase, Ashlyn, and Mariah Niles

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, January 7 at the 10am 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.

Meeting Notes

Thank you notes were sent to:

Our Soup Mission helpers:

- Sandy Smith for donating beef bones for the soup
- Nancy Gierach for planning, shopping, and her kitchen leadership.
- Pastor Craig for his work with this committee over the past two years

Soup Preparation: On November 14th our committee worked with Nancy Gierach to make 51 quarts of soup: chicken rice, beef vegetable, and chili. This is the second year of our soup mission. The soup is a welcome gift for visitations and for those who need an occasional light meal.

Library

Children's Library:

Children are urged to make use of this wonderful resource. We have many books and DVDs.

Adult Library:

Come see our adult library located in the Council Room. We are in the process of doing a little reorganization, but please feel free to browse the shelves and check out books of interest.

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 (new email address!) or any member of Caring Ministries.

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

Present: Rev. Craig Modahl, Heather Rogge, Sandy Smith, Mark Gierach, Gail Weigel, Wally Quade, Kaitlyn Beck

Absent:, Diane Heimerl, Alex Fuentes, Ginny Brown

Gierach called meeting to order at 6:33pm. Modahl opened with a prayer.

Weigel motioned, Quade seconded to approve October minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Smith motioned, Weigel seconded to approve October 8 congregational minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously

October Treasurer's Report presented by Smith. Motion Weigel, 2nd Quade to approve financials as presented. Motion passed unanimously. 1 error was found during September audit. Correction was made.

Maintenance Trust Fund – No report.

Pastor's Report – Thanksgiving service 8:30am. Two services (morning and evening) Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. Looking at Advent/Christmas worship schedule. Meeting with four other local congregations to discuss joint youth program possibilities. Looking at establishing a non-profit to manage the youth program. Looking at fall of 2018. Open to helping Michelle transition into her position. Will be talking with conference to see what his role shall be.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Faith Formation – Older youth not served by combination adult bible study. Lock in being planned. Family fun night for November was fun. Christmas fun planned for December Family Fun Night with a white elephant. Inter-generational Christmas December 17. Heifer Bake Sale raised $130. Dec 3 Inter-generational kick-off to Advent. We will have a hat and mitten tree. Events to be planned to include YMCA kids.

Stewardship - Budget was reviewed. Chelene and Carrie to work on narrative budget. Looking at on-line giving. See #GivingTuesday entry. What are we doing for 2018 giving envelopes?

Worship –. See Pastor's report.

Building & Grounds – No report. Need someone to take over the Building & Grounds responsibilities.

Caring – 51 quarts of soup made Nov 14. Paul Zachow joined committee. (cont'd)

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Search Committee – Search Committee Members requesting to go to Houston for Michelle Freeman's Ordination. No motion made.

150th Anniversary and Name Change – Will do name change as a dba. No cost. Do we need to change the constitution? Will work with accountant and Association.

OLD BUSINESS:

• New Sign - $3,225 collected as of the end of October. Need to finalize logo.
• Budget – Need to look at Faith Formation, OCWM and Building and Grounds requests. Stewardship is working on what projected revenue will be. Will have everything formalized in December. Need to look at wages for 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

• 4H Communication Festival – Motion Smith, 2nd Beck to allow if it will work with the YMCA. Need additional information. Mark will talk with Carrie about the details.
• 2018 Elections – Need a President and 3 board members.
• Newspaper Advertising - Need to look at the Press. The News Graphic and Ozaukee Guide do not cover the Saukville area. We will run a Christmas ad.
• Family Promise needs additional 4 room dividers. Will do a donation drive as part of a #GivingTuesday stewardship drive.
• Online giving - Approved. Carrie to set up.
• Painting the parsonage. – Mark to email dates. He will buy the best paint available
• Change the lights inside church Jan 6. Will need help.
• Electronic Lock. - Y is happy with arrangement but would like an electronic door lock with access codes. Building and grounds will get options and estimates.
• Website Provider – Approved to change website provider to Weebly. Quade www.parksideucc.com 2nd Beck. Motion passed.
• Congregational Meeting – December 17, 2017
• Call Agreement – Council worked on details of call agreement.

Motion to adjourn Brown, 2nd Beck at 7:40pm Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

— George Benard Shaw, Nobel Prize Winner

Faith Formation – December Meeting

Save the dates:

January 12: Family Fun Night – Pizza and a Movie 5:30 PM
January date to be determined – Youth Lock-Up

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Program and to Heather and Marla for making it happen.

The items from the Hat and Mitten Tree will be taken to Advocates. Thanks to all who donated.

The Christmas Party on Family Fun Night was a great success and was shared with Family Promise clients. Everyone left with a white elephant gift.

Coffee & Conversation is held at 9:00am in the Conference Room. Youth may start here and then move to the lower level to work with Marla Race or just start downstairs. Adults continue in the Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

The Faith Formation Team is in charge of the Family Fun Nights. They take place on the 2nd Friday evening of the month. Watch for details each month.

Youth: We are continuing to work with four other area churches to develop a program for our youth and to explore hiring a youth leader. A January lock-in is being planned for our youth, date to be determined.

Friday, January 12 at 5:30pm
Pizza and Movie

Ladies' Yankee Swap Christmas Party

Was held on December 13

Thank you Ingrid Newlin for hosting this fun party !

A Letter from Council President Elect

A Letter from Council President elect, Mark Gierach.

One year ends and a new one soon begins. Our many, many thanks to the years of service for those leaving the Council at the end of the month. Sandy Smith, so many changes in the ways that we track expenses and income, perhaps her middle name should have been Merlin (wizard). Alex for the past three years of leadership during some very difficult times. Diane, Gail and Ginny for their many years of devoted service to the Council and many hours spent at meetings. Without those dedicated people there would be many things that would never have been accomplished. And our thanks to those new people coming onto the Council. Sue Sarver, Joan Brecke, Michelle Fuentes and Henry Rogge.

Our congregation is moving into the 150th year of existence for St. Peter's, which brings us to a time of great celebration of where we have come from and the journey we've traveled over that period of time. From a very small group of people that conducted services in German in a building that was half the size of our current fellowship hall; to services that have projection systems, recorded music and English language. We've been in three different denominations during that time, have had many different ministers and have seen many members come and go. Change should be our middle name.

It is also a time for us to celebrate our vision for the future of this congregation. We are changing the name to Parkside Community UCC effective January 1st. During that month we will work through all of the information with our CPA, bank, the Village and other institutions as needed. We hope to make the name change public with press releases and changing things like letterhead, our Facebook site and website during the month of February and lastly there will be the change on the outdoor sign. Will it all fall into place that simply? We hope it does but please, bear with us as we move through this transition as it would not surprise if there are a few bumps that were not expected. Growth requires some surprise along the way.

On either January 10th or 11th depending on the moving company our new Pastor will be moving into the church house and ready herself for her first service with us on January 14th. As we move forward we will be holding an installation service here for her with dignitaries from the community and denomination invited to join with us. There are still a few projects to complete at the church house, if you have time to help please give either Wally or myself a call and we'll let you know what's left on the list. (Painting)

There will be many "new" things happening here at Parkside Community UCC over the next year as we celebrate the past 150 years and the beginning of the next 150. I know the 150th committee has monthly activities that will be taking place, our Conference Minister Franz Rigert will join us in this celebration in the fall.

It is my hope we will hold another visioning meeting with all of our committee's in February to lay out a plan of action as to what our next steps will be to continue to build community and grow into the future. Exciting times are ahead, filled with hope and joy as we celebrate our future.

May each of you have a Blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

"Planning is bringing the future into the present, so that you can do something about it now."
— Alan Lakein

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As most of you are aware, it's Our turn to host Family Promise the week of January 7. We presently have 3 families in the program with children ages ranging from pre-school thru middle school. We will need help with meals, evening fellowship and overnight supervisors. In addition to this, we also will need help with setup (cots, partitions, bedding, etc.) on Sunday, January 7 and Sunday, January 14.

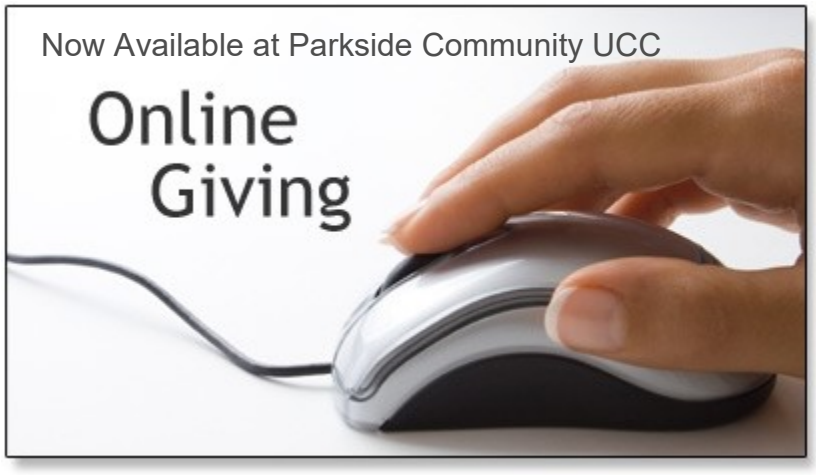
For those of you who have not had the opportunity to help out with this Mission, we will be more than happy to train you and help you fill out the volunteer paperwork (takes about 1/2 hour total). If you can help or have any questions regarding what this involves, please don't hesitate to contact Joan Brecke at (262) 483-6795 or Sandy Dickmann (262) 707-5493 .

UPDATE:

MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND

After approval of the budget at the annual meeting on Sunday, December 17th, and finding out that our incoming income is predicted to fall short of our expenses it was decided in order to survive to tap into the Maintenance fund to help cover some of the expenses. This is being set-up on a quarterly basis and if we don't need the money it won't be transferred, into the general checking account.

Kris Schmit, Chair Maintenance Fund



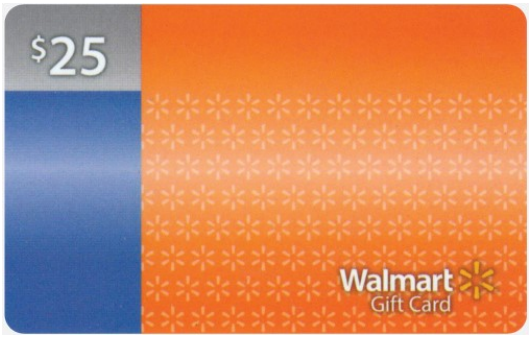
Online Giving and Text Giving is now available at Parkside Community UCC.

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. You can choose what fund you would like your donation to go into. Payments are made through a deduction from your bank account or with a credit or debit card.

For text giving, just text the words "Parkside General $50" (or any amount you wish to give) to the phone number 73256. They will reply with a link and you just follow the instructions.

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.

SHOP WITH SCRIP!



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150TH COMMITTEE MEETING

Celebrating 150 YEARS
ANNIVERSARY FUND

OCTOBER 11,2017

MEMBERS: Michelle Fuentes, Marla,Race, Mark Gierach, Nancy Gierach

Soon we will be entering year 2018 which will be our 150th Anniversary of this church. Our committee has been diligently planning for this upcoming year.

We are planning one special event each month. Some small, some more involved. The biggest celebration will be in October.

PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS. OCTOBER 28, 2018!

The morning will start with a special service and dignitaries attending and speaking. It has been confirmed that our conference minister Pastor Franz will be attending and hopefully our Village President and more. After service we will head to the fellowship hall for a special buffet lunch and festivities. On MARCH 17, 2018 there will be a BUY A NEW PLATE DINNER. As most of you know the plates we have been using for probably 150 years are very heavy and old. We're looking to purchase a lighter and more efficient plate. Details of this will follow later. At this time the other months are not finalized , but planning; special music and speakers, showing films and pictures from the past, summer picnic, ice cream social etc.

Each month there will be 150 items(relating to the season) hung on the windows in the narthex. Hopefully we will have volunteers to help draw, cut and mount on the windows.

Lots of exciting events coming in 2018!

Anyone wishing to join this committee, please contact one of us.

The 150th committee

Michelle Fuentes, Nancy Gierach, Mark Gierach, Marla Race

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Donations Needed: Items in greatest need are as follows: peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned soups, ketchup, Manwich, canned fruit, canned pasta with sauce, canned beans, dried pasta and jarred pasta sauce, cakes and cookie mixes, and personal hygiene items (i.e. toothpaste, bars of soap, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.).

As always, cash donations are appreciated and can be mailed to Saukville Community Food Pantry, PO BOX 80304, 166 W. Dekora Street, Saukville, WI 53080. You can also make a donation by clicking the DONATE button at the top of our website: saukvillefoodpantry.com

Donation barrels are located at Schmit Bros Ford, John's Pizza (Grafton), Saukville Library, Dawgs in Motion, and J'sports Bar & Grill all in Saukville. Barrels in Cedarburg can be found at the Ozaukee Realtors Association (located in the office building in front of Farmstead Restaurant), Weir Financial and 2theMax Training.

THANK YOU'S

- Thank you Saukville Dairy Queen for hosting a Dining Out Fundraiser for Saukville Food Pantry! We appreciate everyone who joined us for some yummy treats! We think the kids enjoyed it the most!
- Special thank you to the wonderful employees of Saukville Wal-Mart! They joined us for our Open House breakfast last week and brought a donation with them! We appreciate the support we receive from Saukville Wal-Mart all year long and we can't thank you enough!
- Thank you to the wonderful people at Weir Financial in Cedarburg for hosting a food drive for Saukville Food Pantry! We appreciate the local support!
- BIG thank you to our wonderful volunteers who spent their Friday night packing 100 Christmas Meal Boxes! We were also lucky to have the help of the amazing Cedarburg Parkview Girl Scouts Troop 8191! The girls brought handmade Christmas cards to put in the boxes and were a huge help in packing.
- Thank you FPZ Inc. of Saukville for visiting our Open House Breakfast and bringing us a wonderful donation! We appreciate your support and thank you for taking the time to learn more about us!
- Thank you to Big Apple Bagels in Grafton and Bee's Bakery in Belgium for donating delicious breakfast items for our Open House! We enjoyed hosting local businesses and supporters for some breakfast, coffee and a tour of the food pantry. Thank you for your support!

Volunteer opportunities are available.
Please email volunteer.pantry@att.net or call Mark Gierarch at 262-284-0588.

FAITH FORMATION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2017

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