



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

news

Formerly St. Peter's United Church of Christ

March 2018

## *A Message from Pastor Michelle*

We are officially half-way through the Lenten Season. Lent is the 40-day journey we take with Jesus while Jesus was in the desert after the temptation of Satan. Lent culminates with Ash Wednesday and ends during Holy week when we observe Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday on Easter.

Lent is an opportunity for us to draw inward and really journey in the wilderness with Jesus. As I said this previous Sunday in my sermon, Lent also provides us a profound opportunity to come in touch with our own mortality as we journey with Jesus towards his crucifixion. In our society today, many of us live such busy lives that we often do not stop long enough to catch our breath and sit in the silence of our hearts and truly connect with Jesus and with Holy Spirit. I believe we must each deliberately spend time reflecting on our lives, our purpose, our worth, our sacredness and I can't think of a better time for us to do this than during Lent.

I invite each of us to spend at least 30 minutes each day, not just during Lent but every day throughout the year to meditate, connect with our inner selves, connect with the Holy Spirit and give God the space, time and opportunity to speak to our spirits and our souls. We must find ways to shut out all the noise in each of lives to sit in silence. I do this every evening. It helps to center me again for a peaceful night's rest and to hopefully, with God's grace, awaken to another day's blessing.

Here at Parkside, we often find ways to connect with each other through the sharing of meals, conversation before and after worship, and through fun activities such as the tubing event at Sunburst that our youth and some brave adults shared this past Sunday. These times give us a chance to connect with each other in community but I invite each of us, to adopt a faithful habit of observing time of deliberate silence in each of our days. During this time of silence, we can meditate with and through the Holy Spirit and allow that presence to speak peace, joy, comfort and contentment into each of our daily lives.



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Peace and Blessings,  
*Pastor Michelle*

# CARING MINISTRIES



# PRAYER

Prayer Families for the Month:

*changes things*

March 4  
Paul, Connie, Lauren, Lizzy  
and Alex Saler

March 11  
Daniel and David Dollert

March 18  
Bing and Chelene Golownia

March 25  
Matthew, Evan, Brodie, and  
Hannah Brecke



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, March 4  
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.



*Be there for each other*

## 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: Joan Brecke and Henry Rogge for helping Pastor Michelle with the parsonage.

Caring Ministries and Pastor Michelle would like to thank everyone who helped prepare the parsonage by painting and helping with other work.

Soup Fund Raiser: Caring Ministries will be preparing a variety of soups in March to benefit the Youth program being created. Orders will be taken from March 1 – 18 for Chicken Noodle, Chili, Beef Vegetable, and Minestrone (vegetarian, gluten-free). Soup pick-up will be Palm Sunday, March 25th. Cost: \$8 for a quart. See Order Form on page 5.



### Library

#### Adult & Children's Library

A number of new books were added to the Children's Library. If you have children's or adult books or DVDs to donate, see Gail Weigel.

### 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.



# Leadership Council Meeting Minutes



## January 9, 2018 Council Meeting

Gail Weigel, Mark Gierach, Pastor Michelle, Alex Fuentes, Sue Sarver, Michelle Fuentes, Sandy Smith, Heather Rogge, Joan Brecke, Kaitlyn Beck, Wally Quade

President Gierach called meeting to order. Pastor Michelle opened with prayer.

### Old Business:

Logo conversation with Gail Weigel. 2 logos presented. Winner established by majority vote.

December Council Minutes: A. Fuentes motion to accept as amended. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brecke. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Smith/M. Fuentes presented December financials. Motion Rogge, second Quade to accept. Passed unanimously. Smith will continue to balance Scrip until further notice. Names will not change on account until after Feb 1. Smith will stay on office software until further notice.

Pastor's Report – No Report

### Committees

Faith Formation – Weekly Seeds Adult. Need to split young kids from older kids to create a valuable learning experience for both age groups. Family Fun Nights continue. Mitten Tree went to Advocates.

Stewardship. No January meeting. Rummage Sale June 14, 15 & 16. Drop off June 13.

Worship – Sermon moving to end of service

Building & Grounds – Parsonage work on going. Need to install new locks. Need people for committee.

Caring – Thank you notes mailed. Need to update Visitor cards and brochure. Soup fundraiser in March.

Missions – Family Promise this week (5 weeks in 2018). 2018 mission list established.

150<sup>th</sup> – October celebration meal. 150<sup>th</sup> visual display to change monthly.

### Old Business (continued)

- Outdoor sign. Logo will be submitted to sign company
- Electronic door lock – YMCA spending \$1,400 on door.

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## New Business

- Lower level kitchen changes – remove stove to place freezer in its place. No cost to church. Motion Rogge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quade to allow remove of stove. Passed unanimously.
- Area carpets. Motion A. Fuentes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quade to allot up to \$200 for the purchase of area rugs for the main entries to cut down on salt. Passed unanimously
- Visioning Meeting – Pastor Michelle explained a Visioning Meeting usually occurs every 5 years. This meeting would instead be a follow-up to the previous visioning meetings. Looking at April 21 from 9-noon.
- Carrie will pursue a Google Interactive Calendar or alternative to track church activities.
- Vendor Show – Motion Brecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Fuentes to allow a vendor show at the church. Passed unanimously.
- Door Bell –Repair needed. Building and grounds to explore options.
- Congregational Meeting February 18, 2018 following worship.

Motion A. Fuentes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brecke to Adjourn at 8:03pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



**Sunday, July 1**

**Coming to Parkside  
Worship featuring  
Christian music  
singer & songwriter**

**BRYAN SIRCHIO**

## Faith Formation – February Meeting

### Faith Formation

Save the dates:

- March 9 – Family Fun Night
- July 15 – 20: Wildfire 2018 Youth Mission Event in Superior, WI with Grand Avenue Methodist Church



The February Family Fun Night was an evening for a potluck dinner, games, and a lock-in for the children and youth.

Coffee & Conversation is held at 9:00 in the Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation, which is based on Weekly Seeds from the United Church of Christ.

The Faith Formation Team is in charge of the Family Fun Nights. They take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday evening of the month with gathering at 5:30 and meal at 6:00.

The Faith Formation team is planning a local youth mission for this summer. Details to follow.

Libraries: A number of books were added to the Children's Library. Work is continuing on the Adult Library.

Youth Leader: We are continuing to work with four other area churches to develop a program for our youth and to explore hiring a youth leader. Financial support will be shared by the five churches. The next step is to form a governing board with two members from each church.



**Friday, March 9 at 5:30pm**  
**Potluck & Games**

# CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK!



Stewardship will be sponsoring a Church Rummage Sale on June 14-15-16 in our Fellowship Hall. June 13 will be our setup date and we will be holding a brat fry on the 13th as well. Donations may be dropped off on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 ONLY. Items accepted include: clothes, cookware, knick knacks, small type furniture (lamps, tables, etc), books, dishes, almost anything.

Please start saving items for this sale and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chelene at 262-284-9620. Thank you!

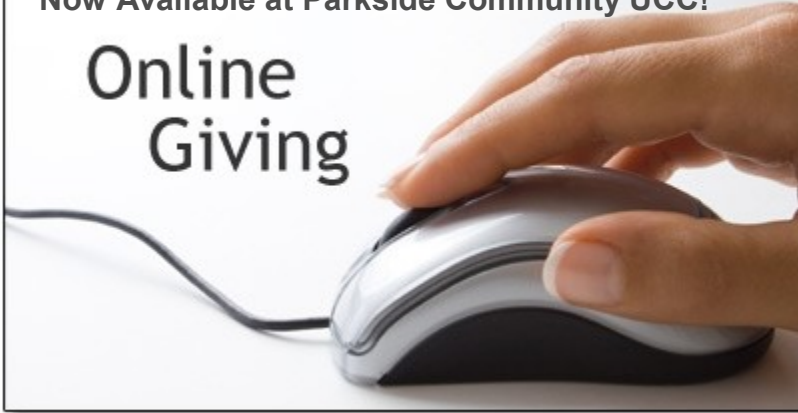
## New Sign Fund

Our old sign is now totally burned out and no longer lights up at night at all. We are losing opportunities to let the community know all that is going on at Parkside Community UCC. We set a goal of \$5,000 from the congregation for our new digital sign. We currently have \$4,325 in donations. Please think about helping to reach the goal. Let's get it done!!!



Now Available at Parkside Community UCC!

## Online Giving



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!



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.

### *Why shop online?*

- Save yourself the trouble of only purchasing what we have in inventory. Just place your order online and pick it up and pay at church.
- You don't have to write a check, you can have the purchase securely deducted from your bank account.
- You can purchase scrip online and receive it instantly via email and you can also get reloadable cards!

## HE IS RISEN

*celebrate the savior*

### **Lent and Easter Worship Schedule:**

Maundy Thursday, March 29  
6:00pm Service

Good Friday, March 30  
6:00pm Service

Easter Sunday, April 1  
7:00am Easter Sunrise Service  
8:00am Light Breakfast  
9:00am Faith Formation Activities  
9:30am Easter Service



Celebrating  
**150**  
YEARS

## 150th Anniversary Committee Update

Many exciting events are planned during this year and continue to work on more. Mark your calendars and enjoy this ongoing celebration year.

MARCH 3rd. – Buy a plate dinner – 5:30pm gathering & refreshments with dinner following and watch a movie clip from the old church. Cost is \$15.00 which includes buying a plate for the church and the meal.

APRIL 15th – Lite lunch after service and watch a movie clip from the past.

JUNE 3rd – Pastor Michelle’s installation

JULY 1st – Bryan Sirchio will be providing all music during service.

AUGUST 4th – Almost confirmed that the Wisconsin Gospellers will be holding a concert here. Time has not been determined as of yet.

SEPTEMBER – A possibility of Lakeland College Orchestra & Choir concert.

OCTOBER 28TH - Our huge 150th celebration with guest speakers and more.

Please put these events on your calendars and hopefully you are able to attend.

Watch the windows in the narthex and change of the 150 items each month.

Blessings, The 150th committee



# FLASHBACK FRIDAY

Be sure to follow us on Facebook  
@parksidesaukville for our Flashback Friday  
posts as we count down to 150th celebration!

**10am to 3pm**  
**Saturday, April 21**

**SPRING FLING**  
**VENDOR**  
**& CRAFT**  
**SHOW**

**VENDORS**  
*We would love to have you join us!*

Register at:  
[www.parksideucc.com](http://www.parksideucc.com)

\$35 per vendor



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

We are looking for volunteers to help with Family Promise. The next date Parkside hosts Family Promise guests is the week of March 11th. If you want to get involved in this great mission, please contact Joan at (262) 483-6795 .

Family Promise is also running short of twin or xl twin blankets (fleece preferred) - they give out pillows and blankets to each person as they enter the program. Items can be dropped off at the Day Center at 124 E. Van Buren Street, Port Washington.



### **PASTOR MICHELLE'S INSTALLATION DATE**

Mark the date on your calendars! Parkside Community UCC invites you to celebrate the installation of our recently called Pastor, Rev. Michelle Freeman, on Sunday, June 3. Details forthcoming.



To order, just complete this form and turn it into Nancy Gierach or mail it to:  
 Parkside Community UCC,  
 PO Box 80304,  
 Saukville, WI 53080  
 OR

You can also place your order online at  
[www.parksideucc.com/soupsale](http://www.parksideucc.com/soupsale)

**Orders must be received by March 18.**

OR You can also place your order online at

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**Payment is due when you pick up your order.**

**Soup pickup date is Palm Sunday, March 25th between 11am to 1pm**

**at Parkside's Fellowship Hall located at 166 W. Dekora Street, Saukville, WI.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity Ordered	Price Per Quart	Soup	Extended Price
	\$8	Chicken Noodle (chicken, vegetables, Kluski egg noodles)	
	\$8	Chili (beef chili with kidney and pinto beans)	
	\$8	Beef & Vegetable (beef, onions, celery, carrots, potatoes)	
	\$8	Vegetarian Minestrone (gluten free, loaded with veggies & beans)	
		Total Amount Due:	

# Thank You

for supporting our Youth Program!



# EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



***Flowers are the symbol of new life and resurrection.***

We are offering lilies, tulips, daffodils, begonias, and kalanchoe for our celebration of Easter.

You are invited to purchase an Easter Flower(s) for display at our worship services on Easter Sunday. Cost for each flower is \$12 (payable to Parkside Community UCC) — you are welcome to take your flower home with you after the 9:30am Easter Sunday worship service.

Please see Nancy Gierach to place your order.

Orders must be received by PALM SUNDAY, March 25.

\_\_\_\_ Tulip    \_\_\_\_ Lilly    \_\_\_\_ Begonia    \_\_\_\_ Daffodil    \_\_\_\_ Kalanchoe

If you want to purchase flower(s) in memory or honor of someone, please indicate below.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UCC

\_\_\_\_ In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In Living Tribute of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In Gratitude to God for: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Plants Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

# MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH:

## Haiti Mission Moment

Roger and his wife at the construction site for their new home.



What makes a house a home?

A house is a structure with some walls, a roof, doors, and windows. The house becomes a home when it is a place you can feel safe and loved. When you're at home, you can let your guard down. Sometimes, though, a house isn't really a home. That was the case for Roger Doris and his family. They built their house in Haiti in 1989. It was a traditional mud and stick house. In 2000, they renovated their home to replace the mud walls with concrete blocks and added a tin roof—it was definitely a home.

Then hurricane Matthew hit in late 2016. Extensive damage was done. The walls shook and cracked. The wood support columns were damaged badly and overnight that house was stripped of being a home. The family still lived there, but they were afraid, not knowing how long the house would stand. There was no more peace of mind, no sense of security and no way to let down their guard.

We responded to help Roger and his family build a new house. Roger had training as an iron worker and carpenter, so he teamed up with professional masons to work on the new house. His family provided funds to pay for the new foundation and food for the workers. They also received seeds to plant so that the family would have a food and income source.

Now the family has a house where they can feel safe. The house has a strong foundation and sturdy support columns made of rebar. More than that, everyone has peace of mind. It is truly a home. Roger describes the house as a "miracle".

Each of God's children is loved. Our neighbors in Haiti needed us when their security was taken away and we were there to help. Thank you for your support of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Adapted from [http://www.ucc.org/oghs\\_resources](http://www.ucc.org/oghs_resources).

**One Great  
HOUR  
OF SHARING**

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PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

**Please submit newsletter items to the church at  
[saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) by March 22  
for the April 2018 Newsletter.**

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