



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Formerly St. Peter's United Church of Christ

April 2018

A Message from Pastor Michelle

We are now heading into Holy Week and we are almost done with the first three months of 2018. Where is the time going? As a dear friend of mine who is a native of Jamaica often says (in her thickest Jamaican accent), "time is a waiting on no one". To be consciously aware of the time we have in our lives is a monumental task. Our daily lives are crammed with so many activities and tasks. We transport our children to school and sport activities. We do home and hospital visitations of our family members here at Parkside. We prepare meals for our families. We help our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc. with their homework as we are able. We stretch ourselves so thin.

Parkside Community UCC
166 W. Dekora Street
Saukville, WI 53080
Email: saukvilleucc@att.net
Phone: 262-284-0588
Web: stpetersuccsaukville.org

I have spoken previously during Lent about sitting in the silence and to face our own mortality in our meditation as we journey with Jesus in the wilderness towards Resurrection Sunday. A more important task is at hand for us as we move into Holy Week. It is important for each of us to slow down the pace in our daily lives during Holy Week to take in each of the steps of Jesus' journey towards the cross. We commence Jesus' journey with his triumphant journey into Jerusalem on Palm/Passion Sunday. We then move into the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples which we will observe during our Maundy Thursday service on March 29 and we then acknowledge and mourn Jesus' crucifixion and death on the solemn Good Friday service we will observe on March 30. Holy Saturday on March 31 is an opportunity for each of us to remember how Mary and the ladies rolled the stone away to find that Jesus' body was gone from the grave and their weeping at the grave wondering where Jesus was.

Each of these events in Holy Week are important and we need to pause in the busy-ness of our lives to remember each event. We can read the stories for ourselves as contained in the Gospels or we can simply be quiet, still and remember Jesus' betrayal and ultimate sacrifice. Violence is a very real part of our society today and the events in Holy Week end in a brutal and gruesome death for our Savior. We can't skip over those details or forget them because the details are important and help us to remember how much Jesus loves each of us and how

our Creator God surrounds us with abundant care and protection throughout our daily journeys.

The redemptive work of Christ' life is reflected throughout Holy Week....take it in and reflect on it....

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

Prayer Families for the Month:

changes things

April 1 – Sandy Dickmann

April 8 – Bernard, Diane, Brittnee, and Kyle Heimerl

April 15 – Bob Mason

April 22 – Tom, Heather, Jade, and Henry Rogge

April 29 – Alex, Michelle, Giorgio, Arianna, Trinity, and Alessandro Fuentes



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 Easter Sunday, April 1
at the 7am and 9:30am Worship Services*



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.



Caring Ministries' Meeting Notes

Thank you notes were sent to the following:

- Joan Brecke, Sue Sarver, Alex and Michelle Fuentes and Henry Rogge for accepting positions on the Church Council.
- Nancy Gierach for preparing the delicious Buy-a-Plate Dinner.



Soup Fund Raiser: Caring Ministries is preparing a variety of soups 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.



Library

Children's Library

Thanks to Ingrid Newlin for taking care of the Children's Library in February.

Adult Library

Our adult library is in the Council Room. Feel free to browse!

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



February 13, 2018 Council Meeting

Mark Gierach, Pastor Michelle, Alex Fuentes, Michelle Fuentes, Heather Rogge, Joan Brecke, Kaitlyn Beck, Wally Quade, Henry Rogge

President Gierach called meeting to order at 6:41pm. Pastor Michelle opened with prayer.

January Council Minutes: Brecke motion to accept. 2nd A. Fuentes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M. Fuentes presented January financials. Motion H. Rogge, second Beck to accept. Passed unanimously. YMCA is paying \$650/month during the school year. It cost us \$450/month in additional expenses in January. We have a one-year contract with them. We need to look at the additional expense for garbage disposal. Fuentes is showing it increased \$60/month. Building & Grounds believes it should not have increased. Booster is not working for Pastor Michelle's internet. We will have to pay the Internet portion of the Spectrum bill (\$34.99/month).

Pastor's Report – July 15-21 Vacation. June 3 will be the installation. Colleague from Eden will present Rev.-Dr. Gould. Preferred time 3pm. Dr. Chambers will play the piano. United Church of Canada liturgical software is \$95/quarter.

Committees

Faith Formation – Youth Lock-In went well. Community Youth Planning Team had a meeting on January 25. There is financial support from multiple congregations for a one-year part-time position. We need to appoint 2 members to the board. We will develop a summer local youth mission. Lenten devotionals have been ordered. We will continue to look at a youth director for Parkside to complement the community program.

Stewardship - Rummage Sale June 14, 15 & 16. Drop off June 13. We will take clothes, cookware, knick-knacks, small type furniture (lamps, tables, etc), books Paperbacks & hard covers, dishes, almost anything. Early sales will be allowed. Distribution of funds to be determined at March meeting.

Worship – Ash Wednesday 5pm Soup Supper/6pm Worship. No additional Wednesday worship services offered. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held. Easter Sunday 7 & 9:30am. Breakfast 8am. Children's Activities from 8:30-9:30am.

Building & Grounds – No meeting. Cardboard needs to be removed from shed and parsonage. Need to talk with lawnmower guy and see if we can trade rider for self-propelled or another, better rider. Looking at Race Lawn Service as an alternative. Need to schedule several dates for cleaning of carpets in spring or as soon as the salt season is over.

(continued on next page)

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes



(continued from previous page)

Parking Lot - need to get new bids and present at March meeting so we can get this scheduled as soon as possible once the weather warms up. Lower level Electronic door lock installed by YMCA. We can continue to use our key. Committee members need for building & grounds. Door Bell – need to check with Electrician – also burned out lights to be replaced

Caring – Visitor Cards need to have our name change. Visitor folders will no longer be used. They are outdated and not being taken. Friday, March 23 Soup Preparation at 8:30am. 4 soups will be offered Chicken Noodle, Chili, Minestrone and Beef Vegetable. Gail will work with Carrie on an order form, Facebook and website information and on-line ordering. Mission Target: Youth Program. Cost \$8/quart. More giving envelopes are needed (will reflect name change).

Missions – No meeting. Family Promise week of March 11. March mission of the month One Great Hour of Sharing. UCC Camps obligation met for the year. UCC Camps will be replaced by Family Promise.

150th – Bryan Sergio will join us for the July 1 worship service. 150th fund will cover expense. We will ask for a free will offering to help as well. Wisconsin UCC Gospellers may come in August. The New York Conference Gospel Choir will be on tour in Wisconsin in August. Looking at acquiring banners and collectible Christmas ornaments. \$2,800 currently in fund.

Old Business

- Outdoor sign. Plans are approved by Village. Check made out for the permit. 4-6 weeks before sign arrives. Installation follows. Looking at April or May.
- Vendor/Craft Show - April 21, 10am-3pm.
- Visioning Meeting –May 5, 9-11am. Breakfast included (Wally Quade, Heather Rogge and Henry Rogge are excused due to prior commitments).
- Congregational Meeting February 18, 2018 following worship.

New Business

- Safe Sanctuary policies, active shooter policies, medical policies. Need to review these policies. Assigned to Faith Formation committee.
- Need two SE Association delegates for April 21. Tentative A. Fuentes and Joan Brecke. Pastor Michelle will attend.
- Caring Ministries – Joan Brecke volunteered to be committee liaison.

Motion Brecke, 2nd A. Fuentes to Adjourn at 8:31pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Faith Formation – February Meeting

Faith Formation – March Meeting

Save the dates:

April 13 – Family Fun Night

July 15 – 20: Wildfire 2018 Youth Mission
Event in Superior, WI with Grand Avenue
Methodist Church

**Growing
Together
in Faith**

The March Family Fun Night was an evening for a Chinese potluck dinner followed by games.

Palms were ordered for the children to pass out on Palm Sunday.

A meeting will be held in April to work with Grand Avenue, Living Hope, and Christ the King for summer VBS.

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 2nd 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.



**Friday, April 13 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 is Here!

Our new digital sign has been installed and is up and running, and we have already had positive feedback from the community. If you haven't seen it already, take a drive by and check it out!





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.



Mother's Day shopping made easy, purchase scrip gift cards! Now you can purchase scrip online! Register online by going to 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!



Easter Feeling

*The Easter feeling does not end.
It signals a new beginning,
Of nature, spring, and brand new life,
And friendship, peace, and giving.
The spirit of Easter is all about
Hope, love, and joyful living.
Author Unknown*

Celebrating 150 YEARS

150th Anniversary Committee Update

In continuation of our celebrating our 150 years we purchased 96 new Corelle dinner plates which are lighter in weight and more up to date in style; which will replace our previous ones.

We will hopefully sell the old plates in our upcoming rummage sale this June. There are 124 plates, if you know anyone who is interested contact the church office at 262-284-0588.

On March 3rd we held a Buy a New Plate Dinner to introduce these new plates and help with the cost. We had 23 people attending this event, using these new plates, enjoying food and fellowship and stepping back in time watching a video of our choir singing an Easter cantata from maybe 15 years ago. Hopefully all enjoyed and we thank you all for your participation and assisting with the cost of the plates. The cost of these plates has been covered by donations and did not come out of the general fund. Thanks again.

Remember to watch for the change of items each month on our windows. January was beautiful with snowflakes, February, hearts, and this month our crosses got small and just don't want to stay on. April will be beautiful!!!!!!

Save the date of July 1, because you don't want to miss when Bryan Sirchio, a popular Christian music singer & songwriter joins us for worship to share his musical talents and insights with us. Our committee is hard at work booking more events and performers to celebrate our big year so keep watching for updates.

October 28, 2018 – The official celebration of our 150 years.





VENDORS

- Tastefully Simple*
- Young Living*
- Norwex*
- Scentsy*
- Origami Owl*
- Tupperware*
- Ruby Ribbon*
- Designs by Hildegard*
- Mandy's Totes & Bags*
- Samantha's Duds*
- Pampered Chef*
- Jewelry by Janet*
- Gold Canyon Candles*
- Paparrazzi Jewelry*
- Jim's Cribbage Boards*
- Lipsense*
- Color Street*
- L'Bri*
- and more!*

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

**SPRING FLING
VENDOR
& CRAFT
SHOW**



Sunday, July 1

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

BRYAN SIRCHIO



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.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING Green Lake Conference Center

We are sending Pastor Michelle and delegates to represent Parkside Community UCC for the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting to be held at the Green Lake Conference Center on June 8, 9, and 10.

The 2018 Annual Meeting will continue to build on the Shift towards being the church of the future, moving from maintenance to mission. Annual Meeting is one of the ways churches can gather resources to help them to carry out their transformational work in the world. At this year's meeting you will have plentiful opportunities to dialogue with others from around the conference who are engaged in important ministries in their congregations. You'll be energized by insights into innovative ministries and see how churches are positively impacting their communities and working towards a more just world.



Rev. Traci Blackmon will be speaking at the conference, she is the Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for the UCC and will look deeper into the complexities of racial justice.

Inspiring guest speaker, the Rev. Traci Blackmon, Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for The United Church of Christ, will look deeper into the complexities of racial injustice. Additionally, workshops will provide tools and insights in several areas of justice work. And the 9 conference-wide justice working groups that have arisen in the past year or more will share their vision and tell you how you can get engaged on a justice issue that spurs your passion.

The full program booklet is now available! Click [here](#) to download the book and read about the workshops and speakers at the meeting.

Other highlights include the following break out sessions:

- The Convergence Music Project by Bryan Sirchio, Christian Music Singer & Songwriter
- Difficult Conversations for People of Faith by Rev. Winton Boyd is minister at Orchard Ridge UCC in Madison
- Faith and Film on Tap: Being "Church" Outside the Four Walls of our Buildings by Rev. Adam W. Westrich has nearly 15 years of semi-professional and professional experience. Adam has worked with two church plants including one named by Outreach Magazine as one of the fastest growing churches in the United States in 2010.
- The Good News, the Bad News, and the Gospel: Processing a Harsh World with Your Kids (Matthew 4:23) by Jeff Rabe has served in Children/Youth Ministry for nearly 30 years and is currently Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth at First Congregational UCC in Madison. A Lakeland College graduate, Jeff studied secondary education with an emphasis in history.

Thank You

Thank you to the families that purchased Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter.

The flowers are a symbol of new life and resurrection. May all our members have a very blessed Easter season filled with hope, love, and happiness!



IN MEMORY OF:

Benjamin Brecke
Son, Warren Brown
Edwin Dollert Jr.
Our Parents
Mary Ann Golownia Maechtle
Karen Lucas
Walter & Josephine Quade
Esther & Edwin Dollert Sr.
Dave Strehlow
Michelle Thurin
Robert Rausch
Ed & Lucile Geisser
Nona Isenberg
Frank & Eva Weigel
Mom, Winnie Race
Mom, Mildred Ballbach
Geraldine Dickmann

Howard & Joan Brecke
Ginny Brown
LaVerne Dollert
Mark & Nancy Gierach
Bing & Chelene Golownia
Carla Karrels
Walter & Kathy Quade
Kris Schmit
Nancy Strehlow
Kathy Tauben
Kathy Tauben
Dan & Gail Weigel
Dan & Gail Weigel
Dan & Gail Weigel
Bill & Donna Ballbach
Bill & Donna Ballbach
Robert Dickmann

IN LIVING TRIUTE OF:

Matthew, Andrew, Evan, Brodie
& Hannah

Joan & Howard Brecke

IN GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR:

Family
Parkside Community U.C.C. Family

Sandra Dickmann
Mark & Nancy Gierach

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH:



Family Promise[®]
of Ozaukee County

Family Promise of Ozaukee County helps homeless and low-income families and single women in Ozaukee County achieve sustainable independence. Their mission is to assist those in need to rebuild their lives with compassion by

providing resources and services to empower people that are experiencing homelessness. Many of their clients often have little or no income and often are dealing with a disability. We are also a resource for those that are at risk of becoming homeless. Family Promise has many amazing volunteers helping year round to support families with children facing a housing crisis! Volunteers of any age are always welcomed and appreciated at Family Promise! We have many ways for individuals and families to become involved – age, skill and availability don't matter – we will find the perfect fit!

Here are some exciting ways you can get involved!

- **Make a Meal:** Help cook breakfast or dinner! As an individual or a group serve our families a hot meal and share your compassion through your food.
- **Overnight Volunteers:** Exercise your talent of sleeping and stay overnight with our families from 8:30pm-7am.
- **Kids Care Program:** Do you have a school, youth group, girl/boy scout troop, or sports team that wants to help homeless kids? A staff member at Family Promise would love to talk to your class, team, or group about the realities of child and family homelessness and provide a service activity for kids to make a difference!
- **Play with Kids:** We typically have infants and toddlers in the program that would love to be held or played with any day during the week!



These are just a few of the many tasks that our volunteers assist with as we work to help families facing a housing crisis. Individual volunteers as well as group volunteers can get involved on a one-time, monthly, weekly, or even daily basis!

We are hosting Family Promise guests the week of May 13, if you are thinking about getting involved we invite you attend the Family Promise of Ozaukee County Volunteer Conference. This conference will offer breakout sessions and training for both Volunteer Coordinators and Volunteers. Learn about struggles our guests may be experience with mental illness or addictions through the breakout sessions. Enhance your volunteer skills at one of the training sessions scheduled that are specific to Coordinators or Volunteers. Breakfast will be provided. Registration by April 10 is appreciated. More information can be found [here](#) or by contacting the church office at 262-284-0588.



Adapted from <http://www.familypromiseoz.org/> and <http://familypromisewc.org/>

Parkside Community
United Church of Christ
166 W. Dekora St.
PO Box 80304
Saukville, WI 53080-0304

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

**Please submit newsletter items to the church at
saukvilleucc@att.net by April 22
for the May 2018 Newsletter.**

Contact Us

Parkside Community
United Church of Christ
PO Box 80304
166 W. Dekora Street
Saukville, WI 53080

Phone:
262-284-0588

Email:
saukvilleucc@att.net

Web:
stpetersuccsaukville.org

