



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Formerly St. Peter's United Church of Christ

May 2018

A Message from Pastor Michelle

We made it through Lent, journeyed in the heaviness and grief of Holy Week and have been celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus since Sunday, April 1. LOVE in all its various forms has been the recurring theme during this season of Eastertide. We are called to remember that Easter is not just one Sunday but is instead a season known as Eastertide which takes us from Resurrection Sunday (April 1) to Pentecost Sunday (May 20).

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Now, in the extended Winter we have experienced here in SE Wisconsin, we are now being greeted by the beauty and new life of Spring. The temperatures are climbing and slowly the grass will turn greener and the trees will start to fill again with leaves. Now as a new resident of the area, as a native Southerner, it is my desire that we are hopefully done with the fluffy white stuff that fell last week. (LOL) With the change of seasons, we need to spend more time in creation not only enjoying the weather but finding intentional ways to honor our creation. We must find intentional ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. I am an avid recycler and I invite you to try to make it a practice in your lives as much as possible.

God calls each of us to honor the planet and to honor all the inhabitants of the earth. This means we should love all as we love ourselves. We must also love our planet and earth creation with as much care as the one who created us all asks each of us to do daily.

We have many wonderful activities coming up over the course of the next few months as we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ministry of St. Peter's United Church of Christ now known as Parkside Community United Church of Christ!

I am humbled by the call of this congregation to be your Senior Pastor. To honor this call and to make it official according to the polity of the United Church of Christ, on Sunday, June 3 we will celebrate my Installation at 3:00 pm. For the morning worship, my beloved wife, Rev. Georgia Chambers, will lead worship and deliver the word. For the Installation Service at 3:00 pm, the Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould who is the Senior Pastor of Quinn Chapel AME Church in Jefferson City, MO will lead worship and preach. Dr. Gould is a friend of Georgia and I and is a May 2010 Graduate of Eden Theological Seminary. She was the recipient of the Senior Preaching Prize and I guarantee you will be blessed by her preaching. Rev. Franz Riegert, our Wisconsin Conference Minister as well as several members of the SE Association Committee on Church and Ministry will be present for the service as well. I would be humbled and honored if you would come and celebrate both services with me on this day. This week-end coincides with my birthday on June 1 and June 1 is also the 22nd Anniversary of Georgia and myself.

Exciting days ahead as we head into the beauty of Spring and the Summer months doing and being "the best church this side of Heaven"the Awesome Parkside Community United Church of Christ!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Michelle

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

Prayer Families for the Month:

changes things

May 6
Bill Neumann

May 13
Dan, Marla, Curtis, and Evan
Race

May 20 – Bernard and Ok-
Sun Golownia

May 27 – David, Nicole, Emma,
and Joshua Salamone



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, May 6
at the 10:00am 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:

- Nancy Gierach for all her help with and donations for the soup fundraiser
- Dan and David Dollert for donating 10# of beef for soup
- Lori Sanders for help preparing soup
- Thanks to others who prepared the soup and made anonymous donations.



Soup Fundraiser: 80 quarts of soup were pre-ordered and several more sold. Due to many donations, all the funds are profit. The total of \$712 will be used toward Parkside's portion of the cost of hiring a youth minister.

Library



Children's Library

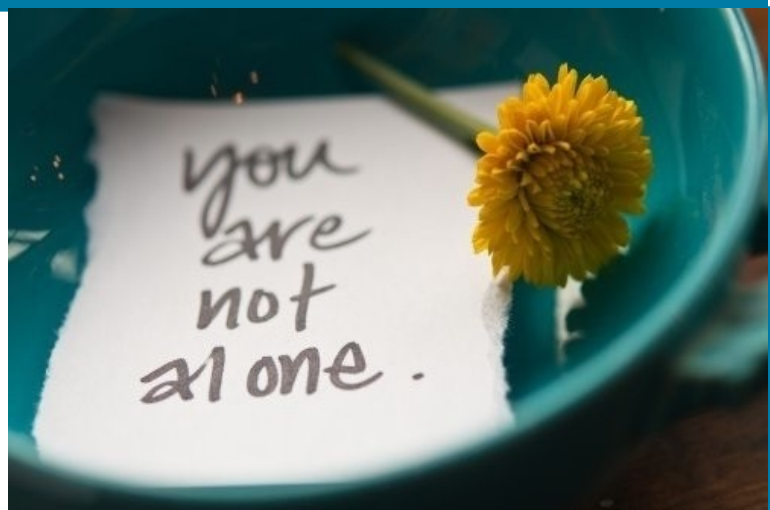
Check out the Veggie Tales DVDs. They are animated stories conveying moral themes based on Christian culture and Bible stories for ages 3 – 8.

Adult Library

Our adult library is in the Council Room. Feel free to browse! We recently had a donation of the complete set of Downtown Abbey DVDs. There are also new additions of social justice.

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.



Faith Formation – February Meeting

Save the dates:

May 11 – Family Fun Night: Fiesta theme with cake decorating activity

June 3 – Last day of spring Faith Formation classes

June 8 – Family Fun Night: Summer Picnic

The April Family Fun Night celebrated Earth Day. Flower pots were decorated.

Flowers were ordered for the children to pass out on Mother's Day.

Plans for summer VBS continue with Grand Avenue, Living Hope, and Christ the King.

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. Youth are welcome to participate with this group or with youth on the lower level.

Current topic for Children's Faith Formation is Mary and Martha. We will be evaluating other curriculum material.

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 potluck meal at 6:00.

**Growing
Together
in Faith**

Libraries: A number of DVDs 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. Proceeds from the Caring Ministries soup sale will be used for this purpose. A governing board has been formed with two members from each church. Parkside representatives on the governing board are Marla Race and Bethel Metz.



**Friday, May 11 at 5:30pm
Fiesta Theme!**

Cake Decorating, Potluck, and 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!



Join us for Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation is held at 9 am 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. Youth are welcome to participate with this group or with youth on the lower level.

For an example of one of last month's topics, click here: <http://www.ucc.org/>



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 can be found on <http://www.parksideucc.com/installation.html> .



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!



Family Promise[®]
of Ozaukee County

**Parkside Community UCC
Hosts Family Promise Guests
Week of May 13**

We will be hosting Family Promise guests the week of May 13. If you can help with meals or spend the night, please contact Joan Brecke at joanbrecke@gmail.com or call the church office at 262-284-0588.



April 10, 2018 Council Meeting Notes

Present: Mark Gierach, Michelle Fuentes, Heather Rogge, Joan Brecke, Kaitlyn Beck, Wally Quade, Sue Sarver, Pastor Michelle

President Gierach called meeting to order at 6:32pm. Pastor Michelle opened with prayer.

March Council Minutes: Pastor Michelle motioned to accept as submitted. 2nd Brecke. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M. Fuentes presented March financials. Motion Rogge, second Beck to accept. Passed unanimously. We budgeted \$750 for the UCC. Conference. It will be closer to \$900. We need to adjust for 2019 budget. Need to look at Mike Chapel's pay for the summer. Pastor Michelle and Gierach will speak with him.

Pastor's Report – Please see attached report (stop in the church office for a copy). Work is being done on installation. Pastor Michelle will be a delegate at General Synod 2019.

Committees

Faith Formation – There will be a joint VBS meeting this month. There is a youth group meeting as well. Family Fun Night on April 13.

Stewardship – No report.

Worship – Looking at music options when Mike Chapel is not available. Worship services at 10am year round. Consider faith formation year-round as well. There will be a music committee. Pastor will select one hymn to match lectionary and committee to choose the 2 other songs. Committee to be Gail, Mike, Mark and Paul. Cost for Batzner Pest Control for building split 50/50 with the food pantry will be explored. Communion changeover to grape juice only was discussed and rejected.

Building & Grounds – Dan Race will be contracted to handle lawn care for 2018. Mailbox will be installed for Pastor Michelle once frost is out of the ground. A work day will be scheduled. The tree next to the sign might have to be removed because of the tree sap. Parking lot – need to firm up the date for starting this in connection with the Village. Curtain or blind needs to be added to one door in parsonage. Ants in parsonage. Water faucet in parsonage needs to be updated.

Caring – All visitor cards updated and in pews. Soup fundraiser - \$702 profit to be used for the joint youth minister. Prayer chain is active.

Missions – Looking to rejuvenate committee. Looking at human trafficking and addiction missions.

150th – Celebration continues.

Old Business

- Visioning Meeting – May 5, 9-11am. Breakfast included (Wally Quade, Heather Rogge, Kaitlyn Beck and Henry Rogge are excused due to prior commitments).
- Safe Sanctuary policies, active shooter policies, medical policies. Need to review these policies. Assigned to Faith Formation committee to steer. A. Fuentes and Pastor Michelle volunteered to sit on committee too. Limit 5. Pastor Michelle will announce from pulpit Sunday. Faith Formation will collect documents from the Association.

New Business

- Pastor Relations Committee. 3 selections from the pastor and 3 from the council. Would like to get it going by the end of August. Group would meet quarterly.
- Inactive list – need to look at list annually or every other year.
- Piano player for weeks when Mike Chapel is not available. Suggestion to post on Indeed and contact Concordia Music Department to see if they have any students interested in playing. Need to work out costs and where it will be funded from the budget.
- Carrie cannot open safe with combination. She can open it with a key. Carrie will be asked to find a safe and add purchase price to budget for 2019.
- Weddings – look at ways to market our location for weddings

Motion Rogge, 2nd Beck to Adjourn at 8:05pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Visioning Meeting

Saturday, May 5

9am to Noon



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VISIONING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 5

The Church Council has put aside the morning of May 5th from 9am to Noon to gather and talk once again about the future of Parkside Community UCC. We're inviting all members that wish to attend, and are asking that all committee members please attend this meeting. This is an important part of setting a plan of working together to grow our congregation not just in size and numbers, but to also grow our faith and commitment to the work of Jesus here in our community and the world around us.

We'll start where we left off, look at what's holding us back and what are our fears. Then we will move onto what are the things that we hope to see moving forward, what are the positives we've seen since the last visioning meeting, and finally what must we do to reach those goals for the future.

Please bring your ideas for the future and how you feel we might implement them and tell us what part of moving those ideas you are willing to take ownership of. This is our church, our community of faith, and we are each responsible for each success and each failure. Let us celebrate the successes and learn from failures as those are the lessons that teach us how to achieve success.

Continental breakfast will be provided.



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Worship Committee

*a Place
for You*



YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

Parkside Community U.C.C. church council has made a decision to keep the worship time at 10:00 A.M. all through the year. There will no longer be a time change during the summer.

Worship committee brought to the council to offer just grape juice for communion. This would eliminate white grape juice and wine; and would accommodate everyone except the gluten free restrictions would have to

have a separate location. Church council has voted to continue to offer wine and white grape juice for communion.

Sunday – April 22nd is Earth Day – Keep recycling to save our earth!

Sunday – April 29th is Break the Silence Sunday – Lizzy Saler will be singing a few songs

JUNE 3rd – MARK YOU CALENDARS – PASTOR MICHELLE'S INSTALLATION – 3:00 P.M. A MEAL WILL BE SERVED AFTER TO CONTINUE THE CELEBRATION. PLEASE ATTEND AND SUPPORT OUR PASTOR AND CHURCH.

JULY 1st – Brian Sirchio – song writer and singer



Sunday, July 1

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

BRYAN SIRCHIO

PARKSIDE SERVICE COMMUNITY MEAL ON SATURDAY, MAY 26

On Saturday, May 26 from Noon to 1pm, Parkside Community U.C.C. will be providing the monthly community meal.

We are asking for volunteers to help serve, clean up and make a salad, casserole or dessert.

Please contact Nancy Gierach at nancygierach@gmail.com if you are able to help out with one of these items. Thank You!



Celebrating
150
YEARS

150th Anniversary Committee Update

Meeting was held Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

We updated our calendar with special events that will take place.

Discussion on an item to purchase as a keepsake for members representing our 150 years of St. Peter's U.C.C. / Parkside Community U.C.C. Mark is checking different companies for pricing and items.

We are still working on scheduling a summer picnic.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS:

JUNE 3rd – 3:00 P.M. – PASTOR MICHELLE'S INSTALLATION,
MEAL TO FOLLOW

JULY 1st. – BRIAN SCHICIO DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 4th – WI. GOSPELLER'S WILL BE HOLDING A EARLY EVENING PERFORMANCE AND POSSIBLE WORKSHOP DURING THE DAY.

AUGUST 5th – PASTOR DON NEIDERFRANK WILL BE PREACHING

SEPTEMBER 14th – HOPING TO JOIN FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH MEAL AND WATCHING FILMS FROM THE PASS YEARS OF OUR CHURCH

OCTOBER 28th – HUGE CELEBRATION OF THE ACTUAL MONTH OF 150 YEARS

NOVEMBER – POSSIBLE VISIT BY LAKELAND COLLEGE CHOIR



Community Shredding Event



Port Washington State Bank
601 E. Green Bay Avenue
Saukville

Saturday, May 19th
9 AM - Noon



Member FDIC



April 9, 2018 at 6:30pm

Members Present: Walter Quade, Diane Heimerl, Bernard Golownia

The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 6:30PM

Unfinished Business

- Lawn maintenance for both the Church and the Parsonage will be done by Dan Race. There will be two applications of Weed and Feed.
- The Parking Lot will be resurfaced by Boehlke's. We need to repair the mounds in the Parking Lot and remove overgrown shrub in west side mound. The village plans to complete the new pavilion by Memorial Day. We will schedule work as soon as possible after completion of the pavilion.
- Need to install a new mailbox for the Parsonage; materials are all here.
- Wally is working on getting quotes to modify trash enclosure to accommodate a two yard dumpster. We will save \$40.00 a month with the dumpster as opposed to adding a third container.
- The Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 28th from 9:00AM until 1:00PM.
- The carpeting needs to be cleaned. We have the machine but will need volunteers to assist (moving furniture, emptying water, etc.). It will be scheduled when the weather improves.
- Pastor Michelle has asked to have a ceiling fan installed in the master bedroom. She will purchase the fan; we need to determine if the infrastructure exists to mount the fan or if we need to add it.
- There is a broken pane in a basement window in the Parsonage that needs to be repaired.
- We are looking into the cost for putting a fence on the north side of the Parsonage lot.

Adjournment at 7:05PM.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 11th at 6:30PM.

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH:

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the merging needs of local communities.

In 2017, your support made possible:

- 12 awards totaling almost \$350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant program!
- The Adese Fellowship program launched its first class of 14 future church leaders!
- The addition of 24 new faith communities to the UCC!

This is in addition to the great ministry happening in your local conference!



MCLEOD

Adese Fellowship: This 12 month program maximizes the capacity of fellows to launch businesses that will help end system poverty. Participants engage in theological reflection and business development as they create enterprises that help their communities follow the way of Jesus and live into God's economy. Meagan McLeod is an Adese Fellow residing in Philadelphia, PA. Through this program, she hopes to provide a place where single mothers can feel significant, secure, and supported through her organization, Healing Streams Center.

New and Renewing Spiritual Communities: The New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant strengthens UCC Congregations by providing funds to assist in community devitalization or support new churches. Grants are awarded each year to fund ministries that impact their communities towards a Just World for All.



To give to this mission, just look for specially marked "Strengthen the Church" envelopes in the pews on Sundays during the month of May.



VOELKEL

"Your support of our ministry emboldens, empowers and allows us to step out in faith. We are grateful beyond words — both for the money and for the faith and prayers the money represents, without which we would not be able to do our work. Thanks be to G-d!" Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel, Center for Sustainable Justice at Lyndale UCC

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for the June 2018 Newsletter.

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