



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Formerly St. Peter's United Church of Christ

July 2018

A Message from Pastor Michelle

Well, I have been your pastor now for over six months now. I was honored with a beautiful and meaningful Installation Service on Sunday, June 3 and we heard two amazing sermons from my wife Rev. Georgia Chambers and from Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould.

As we close out the month of June, I want to take a moment to speak about June being Pride Month for the LGBTQ+ community. In June of 1969, there was a riot held in Stonewall, NY when some members of the LGBTQ+ community were murdered and arrested by police and because of the rising of the community, June became pride month here in the US and has subsequently been observed around the globe. We are proud of our being and who we are and we take the time to celebrate and affirm in ourselves our being created in God's image. On this past Sunday, Parkside, as an Open and Affirming Congregation of the UCC, affirmed and renewed our covenant to continue to offer welcome to the table of grace for all LGBTQ+ persons. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I continue to be humbled that I was called to pastor this wonderful faith community.

I am so excited by all the events and special worship services we have planned over the course of the next few months. On this coming Sunday, July 1, Contemporary Christian Singer, Songwriter and ordained UCC Minister Bryan Sirchio will be our special guest. He is planning a powerful service and relevant word for each of us through his music ministry. In addition, he and I will share the Communion table together. You do not want to miss this!

We are also looking forward to having Liturgical Dance as a part of our worship experience on next Sunday courtesy of the 9 Dancing Ladies Dance Academy. This is a new experience for Parkside so please be in attendance for this special treat. I am particularly excited about the Community Walk we will have after the July 29 Worship Service. We will be going out into the Saukville Community to walk the neighborhood and introduce our Great Church to the Village. We are having a contest for who walks the most steps during the walk. Our goal is 20,000 steps. This is an exciting event for us so please come and walk with us. We will have a potluck lunch afterwards.

On Sunday, August 12 we will have a Church Picnic after the Worship. We will be blessed with the music of "Bella Musik" during worship. This is local duo who perform beautiful contemporary music. During the worship, I will also be performing the time-honored tradition of "Blessing of the Animals". We are asking you to bring your pets (must be leashed or in a kennel) and I will perform a short blessing for each pet. You are also free to bring a picture of your pet if the pet is unable to attend. This is one of my favorite things to do as a minister. We have gotten special permission from the Village to allow this to happen in Grady Park. Normally, pets are not allowed in the parks. We need to make sure that we pick up after our pets so that we do not abuse the generosity of the Village of Saukville.

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Go forth into the Summer and enjoy special time with family and friends. Make sure that Parkside's Church Calendar is a part of your personal calendar so that you do not miss any of the special events we have coming up!

Light of Christ,
Pastor Michelle

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

Prayer Families for the Month:

changes things

July 1
Sue Sarver

July 8
Joe, Denise, Nathan, and
Nicole Golownia

July 15
LaVerne Dollert

July 22
John and Penny Fransee

July 29
Red and Sandy Habersetzer



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, July 1
at the 10:00am 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.



Caring Ministries' Meeting Notes

Thank you notes were sent to:

- Our Faith Formation Teachers: Marla Race (and for organizing our monthly Family Fun Nights), Michelle Fuentes, and Katelynn Beck
- Heather Rogge – Coffee and Conversation (and for organizing the cake decorating at the May Family Fun Night)
- Nancy Gierach – Preparing and serving the Installation meal

Graduation cards were sent to Nicole Golownia, Lizzy Saler, and Mariah Niles.

Library

Children's Library

Keep reading this summer! Reading skills are just like sport skills. The more you read, the better you become at reading. Lose yourself in a good book. Enjoy the DVDs.

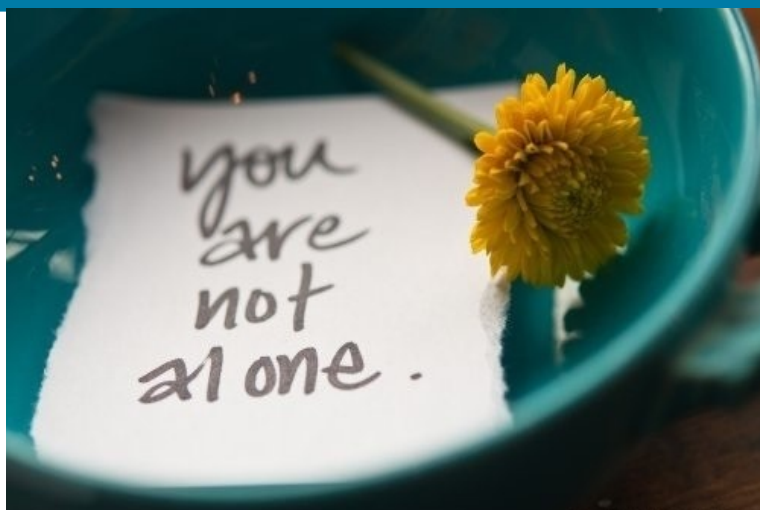
Adult Library

Our adult library is in the Council Room. Feel free to browse any time and check out



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 – June Meeting

Save the dates:

Friday, July 13 – Family Fun Night: Christmas in July. Wear your ugly sweater!

Friday, August 10 – Family Fun Night: Beach Luau

Friday, August 17 – School Supply Give-Away

Saturday, August 25 – Open House with children's games

Faith Formation ended the School Season June 3rd.

The June Family Fun Night featured a picnic meal and ice cream eating contest.

Faith Formation hosted an Ice Cream Social on Father's Day Sunday.

We had a lot of fun at the combined VBS with Parkside Community, Grand Avenue Methodist, Living Hope ELCA, and Christ the King ELCA was held at Living Hope on June 16th. Over 50 children and adults learning and sharing the love of Jesus!

We will be using and evaluating the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum in fall.



One-time \$500 college scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, July 29 during worship service, at which time we will also recognize and celebrate our 3 graduates: Elizabeth Saler, Nicole Golownia, Mariah Niles.

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. Please join in the fun. It's great intergenerational fellowship.

Youth Leader: Work is moving forward with the five area churches to develop the youth program and the hiring a youth leader. Board structure has been determined. The group is working through the legal structures and funding. Our representatives are Marla Race and Heather Rogge.



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Worship in Grady Park & Potluck With Blessing of the Animals Sunday, August 12 at 10am

Grady Park Pavilion at 166 W. Dekora Street, Saukville

Join us for an outdoor worship service with a special blessing for pets. All socialized animals are welcome and must be on a leash or in a carrier. Bring a dish to pass and join us as we celebrate all of God's creatures & creation!

Special Music By:



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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. If you wish, you can setup automatic monthly deductions from your bank account by calling the church office at 262-284-0588.

For text giving, just text the word "Parkside" to the phone number 73256 (or the word PEAKO). You will receive a reply with a link and you just follow the simple 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.

CONGRATS GRAD!

Help your grad supply their dorm room with a Target gift and help Parkside!

Look for scrip after service on Sunday or call the Church Office at 262-284-0588.

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.



Christmas in July

**Join us for
Family Fun Night
and Potluck!
Friday, July 13
at 5:30pm.**

***Don't forget to
wear your favorite
ugly sweater!***



Sunday, July 1

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

BRYAN SIRCHIO

Thank You!



Thank you to anyone and everyone who had any part in making our rummage sale a success. The General Fund will be helped with the \$1,715.90 raised and we were all helped with the conversations and working together we experienced. Looking forward to next years' sale - so please start saving up. Drop-off hours will be expanded to make it more convenient.

There will be no monthly Stewardship meetings in July and August. Meetings will resume on Monday, September 10 (2nd Monday because of Labor Day.)

CHURCH COUNCIL

June 12, 2018 Council Meeting Highlights

Mark Gierach, Michelle Fuentes, Heather Rogge, Joan Brecke, Wally Quade, Sue Sarver, Pastor Michelle

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

May Council Minutes: Brecke motioned to accept as submitted. 2nd Quade. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M. Fuentes presented May financials. Motion Rogge, second Sarver to accept. Passed unanimously. Fuentes recommended not transferring money from the maintenance trust fund for the third quarter.

Committees

Faith Formation – Joint VBS this coming Saturday. Theme: Polar Blast. Last day of Sunday School was June 3.

Stewardship – Rummage Sale. Announced move from monthly mailed envelopes to pew envelopes.

Worship – Watch for upcoming events

Building & Grounds – Volunteers needed for on-going work around church and parsonage. Some of the work to be done: Painting of the carport, trimming of shrubs around church & parsonage, shrub removal from west parking lot island, removal of tree by digital sign, parking lot sealing, dirt & seeding by sidewalk & weed control on both lots. Hood in kitchen must be cleaned per the fire department. A professional must do it. Motion Quade, 2nd Brecke to spend the approximate \$800/year for pest control (will be split with food pantry). Motion approved unanimously.

Caring – Normal, on-going work of the committee happening

Missions – Will attend anti-trafficking meeting in Hartford. Pastor from Monroe is willing to give a presentation on trafficking. DVD on anti-trafficking will be purchased.

150th – Celebration continues. Ornaments and plastic tumblers will be ordered. Next couple of months will be pretty full.

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CHURCH COUNCIL

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Old Business

- Safe Sanctuary policies, active shooter policies, medical policies. This will remain pending until it is worked on.
- Pastoral Relations Committee – will work on it at leadership team meeting in July.
- Inactive List – Assigned to Stewardship. This will remain pending until it is worked on.
- Music when Mike is not here - \$129/year for Convergence Music Program. Music worship team to review program.

New Business

- Conference Meeting Report – Joan said it was a wonderful experience. She will be looking at implementing ideas she learned there.
- Marketing/Advertising – Need to look at promoting all the great new things happening here. Carrie will be asked to investigate advertising options.

Motion Brecke, 2nd Quade to Adjourn at 7:48pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

ALL CHURCH CLEANUP DAY!

WORKING
HARD *in the*
YARD



It's a labor of love!
If not you, then who?

JUNE 30, 9AM TO NOON

FREE Concert



**Saturday, August 4
7 pm**

Join us!

Sunday, July 8 at 10am

Worship Service

featuring

Liturgical Dance

performed by



*Ladies
Dancing*
DANCE ACADEMY



Worship Committee

*a Place
for You*



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WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 18, 2018

ATTENDING: Pastor Michelle, Joan Brecke, Mark Gierach, Nancy Gierach Thank you everyone who attended and participated during Pastor Micelle Freeman's Installation on June 3rd. The service was dynamic. The music was phenomenal. The service was supported by guests and Pastors from Wisconsin and beyond, which was a great opportunity for our church to shine. Disappointment arises from the attendance or lack there of from

our congregation. This installation is a great beginning of Parkside Community's future growth, which will be accomplished only by attendance and participation. We have a busy calendar in the upcoming months. Let's get excited, invite a friend and mark these dates down to participate and enjoy.

On June 24th, we had a birthday bash after service which was great fun, food and fellowship. The tables were decorated by months, birthday cake, candles lit, song sung by all and who doesn't like cake! Thanks to Marla Race & Kathy Tauben and all who participated.

July 1st – Bryan Sirchio will lead us in a special 10am service.

July 8th – Local dance group, 9 Ladies Dancing will share their expression of worship. Also this Sunday we will be welcoming Donna Koehler to Parkside Community and celebrate with a special cake during coffee fellowship.

July 15th – Pastor Michelle will be on vacation. Pastor Paul Zachow will be leading our worship service.

July 29th – Community Walk and Potluck after worship service. We will break into 3 groups, and form a neighborhood walk thru parts of the village, handing out informational flyers to promote and inform residents about Parkside Community. Get your walking shoes on and support this event!

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Worship Committee

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for You*



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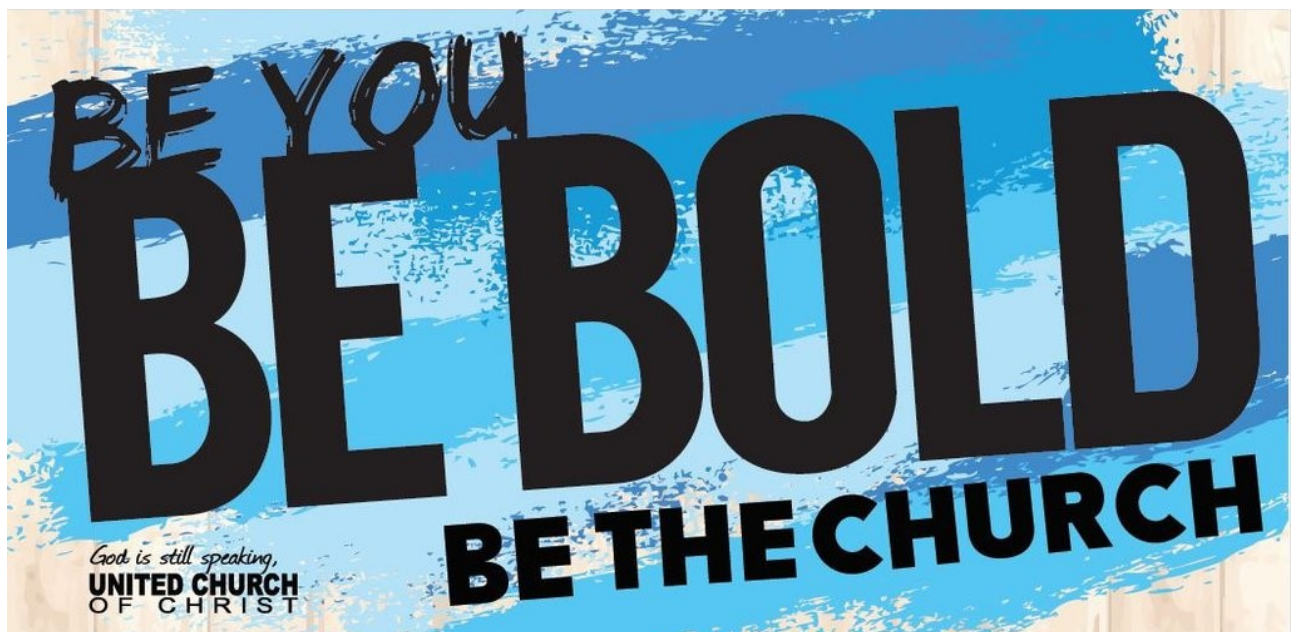
Saturday, August 4th - The Wisconsin Gospellers will be using our facility for their choir workshop and will be giving a performance in the evening. Bring a friend and let's fill the sanctuary.

Sunday, August 5th – Pastor Don Neiderfrank will be preaching, in connection with the celebration of 150 years.

Sunday, August 12th – Outdoor Service /Blessing of our pets,/potluck picnic held in Grady Park. We just learned there will be special music provided by Bella Musik. This couple makes fantastic music and they are great people. You will love them!

Sunday, September 30th – S.E. Association Minister, Rev. Jane will be preaching in connection with the celebration of 150 years.

Sunday, October 28th – 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION !!!





PARKSIDE COMMUNITY
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COMMUNITY WALK

share the faith

Sunday, July 29

Immediately following the 10am Worship Service

Join us as we walk throughout the community, spreading the good word of our upcoming events and inviting our Parkside neighbors to join us.

As a group, our goal is to get to 20,000 steps, so bring along your step tracker or load an app on your smartphone.

Following our walk, we will come back to the Fellowship Hall for a potluck. Brats and burgers will be provided. There is a special treat for all the walkers — Pastor Michelle's baked goods!

Sign up to participate in the community walk in the Fire-side Room.

HELP US GET TO 20,000 STEPS !



fall Craft & Vendor Show

SEPTEMBER 29 10AM TO 3PM



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY
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166 W. Dekora Street, Saukville

Vendors Welcome! Booths start at \$35

EVENT PAGE:
www.parksideucc.com/shop

For more info contact Nicole Gierach
at nicole.gierach@yahoo.com
or call 262-689-9920



Parkside Community UCC is taking on a new mission, this mission is to build awareness of human trafficking. This is not just a problem in other parts of the world, but it is happening in all 50 states and in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

The numbers are hard to pin down but some experts say Milwaukee is a hotbed for the activity. Trafficking is the 3rd most occurring crime, second to guns and drugs.

Trafficking occurs in both urban & rural areas. The main route through Wisconsin is Milwaukee → Fox Cities/Green Bay → Wausau → Minneapolis.

Excerpt from medidad.publicbroadcasting.com: "What were you doing at age 13? For many people, the answer probably revolves around going to school and hanging out with friends. But that's not the case for all 13 year olds. In fact, 13 is the average age of girls who are sex trafficked across the country, according to Dana World-Patterson.

"When we go back to being 13 years old, we weren't thinking about how do we pleasure someone day in and day out with our bodies," she says.

World-Patterson chairs the Milwaukee human trafficking task-force. For the past decade, she's been working to eradicate the problem here.

She says over time, awareness had grown about who

the victims are. "when we started 10 year ago, that's all we heard. That it was an inner city black girl—no father, poverty stricken problem."

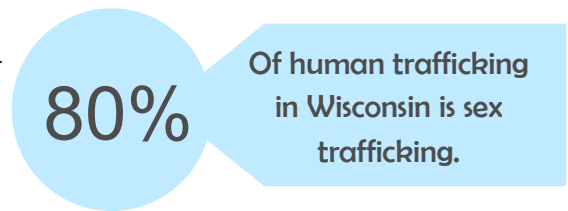
World—Patterson says in reality, sex trafficking victims are often boys who are younger than 13 and girls, and men and women of varying ages and ethnic backgrounds. She says the crime is happening in all of Wisconsin's 72 counties. She says once people across the state began to pay attention, the way they thought about human trafficking started to change.

"It's opening the eyes of individuals in different counties that I believe just wanted to maintain the status quo that said no, its an inner city thing. That's them over there," World-Patterson says.

She says the one thing that all victims have in common is that they are in some way vulnerable. As part of her quest to eradicate the crime, she educates people about what the traffickers look like.

"They show up as boyfriends. Now also be mindful of this, that it's not just men who are traffickers. So it's also the nice lady in the grocery store who approaches the girl at 11 o'clock at night like honey, why are you out here? Shouldn't you be at home? What's going on? So we also have to be mindful of the smooth talking females that are also recruiting for this lifestyle," World-Patterson says.

World-Patterson says last year alone, hundreds of women went missing here (Wisconsin). And she says it's likely that many of them at least had some sort of contact with traffickers.



End child trafficking today, call the hotline:

888-373-7888

or text INFO or HELP to "BeFree" (233733)

*Call to report a potential case, get information, or request training. It's 100% confidential, and interpreters are available.

As part of an effort to stop sex trafficking, state lawmakers last fall passed legislation calling for truck drivers to be trained to recognize — and report — trafficking. And Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel says the state has developed screening tools and training programs for medical staff and police officers to identify victims.

Schimel says now the goal is to crack down on the buyers. “These individuals are the ones who are creating the demand. If they’re willing to pay for sex with people who are being trafficked, therefore, that’s why the traffickers engage in this and have people working in modern day slavery.”

He says one of the biggest challenges in eradicating sex trafficking is that it’s an underground business.

“The people who are purchasing sex, they don’t want to talk about what they’re doing. The survivors are different than most crime victims because they’ve been manipulated and had so much fear instilled in them that don’t come forward voluntarily either. And then of course the traffickers don’t want to talk to us,” Schimel says.

He says the days of street walkers are largely gone. Much of the sex trafficking now occurs online, also making it tough to track down the predators.

Where Victims are Recruited:
Internet
Social Media
School
Shopping Mall
Street/Park

Meanwhile, Dana World-Patterson — chair of the Milwaukee human trafficking taskforce — says there’s another industry that needs to be targeted in order to cut down on trafficking: strip clubs.

She says she’s known victim of trafficking as young as 13 who’ve been put to work as strippers.”

Excerpt from the United Church of Christ: Trafficking in persons is a crime against humanity and ultimately a sin. Human trafficking denies the values of human life, exposes victims to serious health risks, endangers the mental well-being of victims and impedes the ability of victims to reach their full God-given potential. As Christians, we believe that every human being is created in the image and likeness of the divine Creator, of God. The prophets cried out against the exploitation of the poor and of laborers who are not treated fairly and compensated justly (Job 24:1-12, for example).

The United Church of Christ has consistently upheld the rights and dignity of workers and of women and children, believing that God calls us into community with each other as sisters and brothers, not as exploiters and exploited. The violence done to the physical, psychological and spiritual wellbeing of children and women who are forced into prostitution, the pornography industry, sex tourism and other forms of exploitation are violations of the call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. The kingdom of God among us requires us to provide protection for those most vulnerable and to seek conditions which support wholeness and health for everyone.

In a resolution of witness entitled “[A Call to Awareness and Action to End the Practice of Trafficking in Persons](#),” the 27th General Synod of the United Church of Christ called on UCC members, congregations and various settings in the church to engage in education about the issue of trafficking in persons and advocacy efforts to end this criminal and abusive practice.

As a church community, Parkside’s mission is to build awareness. We invite you to take a look at the new bulletin board by the elevator in our Fireside Room to learn more about this crime. Let’s all help spread the word of this growing issue that is happening right here in Ozaukee County. Please consider attending the Washington County Anti-Trafficking Advocates for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30pm to learn more. The meeting is held at the Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford. To share a ride to the meeting, contact Joan Brecke at 262-483-6795. Some of our members attended June’s meeting and the speaker herself was a victim of sex trafficking, she was an honor student who was trafficked from a young age and into early adulthood and this all happened right down the road in Cedarburg.

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH:



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**WE WILL LOVE GOD, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE EARTH BY PROVIDING SANCTUARY,
PRACTICING HOSPITALITY, AND PERFORMING MINISTRY.**





We celebrated on Sunday, June 24
with an

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