



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Blessed Past ➡ Bold Future

August 2018

A Message from Pastor Michele

I spent a week on vacation traveling down South, first to St. Louis to attend a workshop at Eden Theological Seminary on Saturday, July 14. The workshop was called “Music That Makes Community”. The purpose of the workshop was to help pastors, music leaders etc. become better music leaders using Paperless Music. It also was designed to help us to be able to get our church audiences to become more participatory in Call and Response. What is Call and Response?

As you know, I grew up in the Missionary Baptist faith as a member of a large African American Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, TX. The most profound experience of my growing up Missionary Baptist was the employment of Call and Response as our Pastor preached the Gospel each Sunday. A timed honored tradition of most African American Churches is for the congregation to respond to the sermon by agreement, praising, saying “Amen, Hallelujah, Praise God etc.” as the word is preached particularly during the “Celebration” part of the sermon. When the congregation responds positively to the word as it is being preached it helps the preacher to continue to proclaim the word.

I must say, candidly, one of the biggest challenges I have had since becoming your Senior Pastor over 7 months ago is while I preach on Sunday, there is no “Call and Response” to what is being said as I preach. I learned something from my sister friend Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould as she preached during my Installation Service last month. She told the congregation and gathering that she was a preacher in the African American Church tradition where “Call and Response” is a part of her worship experience every time she preaches and she expected to hear Amen or whatever words you wanted to us every time she said something you agreed with. I realized it is up to me to employ this method if I expect this faith community to respond to the spoken word each Sunday. So, look for me to do this in the future.

So, the result of my attending the workshop at Eden is I now know I can be a worship leader and employ paperless music to lead the music portion of our worship. On occasion, I will employ this method in worship. I think it will employ a different way of engaging our Creator God and bringing music into our worship experience each week. I am excited to bring this into our faith community. I hope you will join me on Sunday, July 29 as we do our Community Walk to let the Village of Saukville know about the exciting things we are doing at Parkside Community UCC. Our Hope is to encourage them to come and check us out on Sundays and throughout the coming weeks.

While in Texas, I nearly baked to death in the intense heatwave that is going on throughout the State where temperatures hovered between 105 and 115. Oh, how grateful I was to return to my new home of Saukville, WI where the temperatures were in the upper 60s when I arrived last Friday evening. I LOVE Summer in SE Wisconsin! Once again, THANK YOU for allowing me the opportunity to Pastor each of you here at Parkside Community UCC, the “Best Church This Side of Heaven”!

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Peace and Abundance of Blessings,

Pastor Michelle

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

August 5
Steve, Lynn, Abbey, and
Kaitlyn Beck

August 12
Mark and Nancy Gierach

August 19
Dave and Pat Davis

August 26
John and Elizabeth Feith



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, August 5
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.



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.



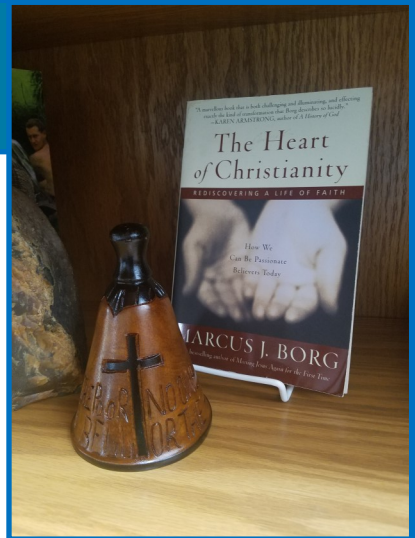
Caring Ministries' Meeting Notes

Thank you notes were sent to our Rummage Sale organizers: Chelene Golownia and Kathy Parsons.

Library

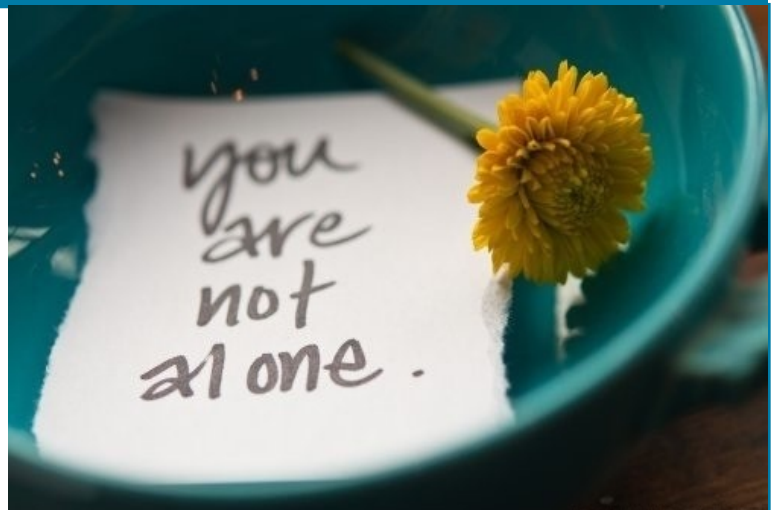
Children's Library — Keep reading this summer!

Adult Library — A wooden bell was purchased from Bryan Sirchio's collection and placed in the Social Justice section of the library. The bell was hand carved in Haiti and bears the Haitian proverb: "Nobody hears the cries of the poor or the sound of a wooden bell."



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.



*Encourage one another
and build each other up*

1 Theologians 5:11

Faith Formation – July Meeting

Save the Dates:

Friday, August 10 – Family Fun Night: Beach Luau

Friday, August 17 – School Supply Give Away

Saturday, August 25 – Parkside Open House



The July Family Fun Night theme was Christmas in July. The kids had a number of fun games with prizes. There is a meal at each event. Everyone is welcome!

The Father's Day Ice Cream Social was fun and well attended. We plan to do this event again next year.

Marla Race and Michelle Fuentes taught a session at VBS, which was held at Living Hope and included children from our two churches and Grand Avenue Methodist. About 30 children attended.

Scholarships were awarded to Nicole Golownia (UW-Madison), Lizzy Saler (Iowa), and Maria Niles (MATC). The July 29th service will include a celebration of graduates and presentation of the scholarship awards.

Faith Formation to Hold Open House Event

This summer has filled all of us with lots of things to do, family vacations and summer VBS, Faith Formation takes a break. The love of Jesus is everywhere you go. If vacationing, take time to visit a local church. Here at Parkside, we still gather each Sunday at 10:00 am for regular worship.

We have had Family Fun Nights the second Friday of the month, but the next Family Fun Night for August 10th will be cancelled. We will start up again on September 14th with a luau theme.

August 25th at 11:00am we will be holding an OPEN HOUSE!
Let's make this is an all church event. 150 yrs!!
Let's come together to show off our church.

We are looking for volunteers to come have food, fellowship, and fun. Stay to help out with Games and Food. Please come to church and look for the sign up sheet or talk with Marla Race to see what you can do.

FREE **Concert**



Saturday, August 4
7 pm

Members of Parkside are invited to join in a dinner and fellowship with the choir at 5pm in the fellowship hall.



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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.

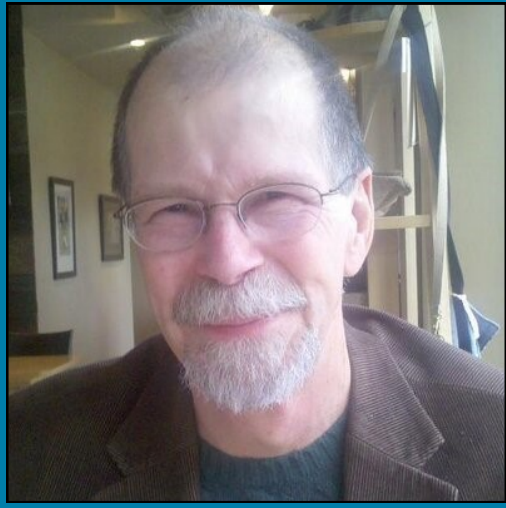
With online giving and text giving, Parkside Community UCC will incur standard processing fees, but if it is more convenient for you to give this way, we encourage you to do so.

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.



**Special Guest Preacher
Sunday, August 5
10am
Former Pastor
Rev. Don Niederfrank**

From Pastor Franz (an excerpt from Mid-Summer Reflection and Updates dated July 19, 2018)

Dear friends and colleagues,

Last Sunday I was reading a piece written by Peter Marty, publisher of the Christian Century, reflecting on the irony of conservative evangelical Christian's support of the president. He pointed not only to personal morality, but to leadership that uses fear mongering to promote nationalism, protectionism, Xenophobia, and white privilege.

Just as I finished reading the editorial, Trinn said, "We're going to a movie tonight!" Now mind you, she likes scary thrillers and I prefer more whimsical films or dramas with happy endings. So I was curious as to her choice. "Don't worry, it's a documentary. You'll love it," she reassured me. In fact, we both did, and it turned out to be a beautiful reminder of our calling to restore a sense of hope, decency and love in such times of division.



"Won't You Be My Neighbor" is an exploration of the life, lessons, and legacy of Fred Rogers. For those of us who grew up watching Mr. Rogers change into his sweater and sneakers while inviting us into a world of affirmation and tenderness, the movie is a nostalgic return to childhood and a reminder of the vulnerability within each of us, and our need to experience feelings of worthiness. This Presbyterian preacher turned children's puppeteer teacher would lead us via the trolley into a land of make believe, and make us believe in the inherent goodness of humanity and in God's essential calling to love widely and endlessly.

The movie recalls a particular episode in which King Friday XIII dismantles a wall around his castle, recognizing the need to welcome humanity in rather than wall strangers out. Even at his funeral, after an impeccable life committed to radical love, protesters shouted slang hateful words in objection to Fred Roger's empathy and support for LGBTQ people. I heartily recommend this film to you. Blessings friends, Franz

Update from the Maintenance Trust Fund Committee

The Maintenance Trust Fund committee met on July 9th, with Deanna Phillips our advisor from Annex Wealth Management. We went over our investments and discussed plans for 2019. We established an investment policy statement and signed it. So far this year we have transferred \$35,000 to our general budget to help cover our expenses. So basically we are not increasing our funds for major repairs, we so far are maintaining where we started the year at. Hopefully our membership will grow and the giving income will increase.

Submitted by:
Kris Schmit Chair MTF



WI, we need to talk.

Help us start
the conversation about
youth sex trafficking in WI.

Learn what puts youth
at risk for trafficking so you
can help prevent it.



Visit **WisconsinTalks.org** or call **211**.

CHURCH COUNCIL

July 10, 2018 Council Meeting Highlights

Pastor Michelle, Mark Gierach, Heather Rogge, Wally Quade, Sue Sarver, Henry Rogge

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michelle is attending "Music That Makes Community" at Eden Theological Seminary. Thanks to a grant from The Brown Foundation, Pastor Michelle is able to attend for free.

June Council Minutes: Quade motioned to accept as submitted. 2nd Sarver. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month.

Committees:

Faith Formation – No report.

Stewardship – No report.

Worship – Continue watching for upcoming events.

Building & Grounds – Yard work on going both at parsonage and church. Tree outside will be removed. We are working on obtaining quotes for several projects. Will need to budget for new flooring downstairs where the Y kids are. Continuing planning work on the parking lot project.

Caring – No report

Missions – No report

150th – Celebration continues.

Old Business

- Safe Sanctuary policies, active shooter policies, medical policies. This will remain pending until it is worked on.
- Pastoral Relations Committee – Mark is working on getting members assigned to committee.
- Inactive List – Assigned to Stewardship. This will remain pending until it is worked on.
- Music when Mike is not here - \$199/year for Convergence Music Program. Music worship team to review program.

New Business

- Fellowship Hall Rental Agreement – Need to update to read Parkside.
- Digital Sign Rental Agreement Proposal – \$1/day for non-profit organizations for either 14 or 30 days. No more than 2 in any given rotation. \$5 per day for any for profit businesses from Ozaukee county only, 14 or 30 day cycles and no more than 2 in any given rotation. All content must be submitted 45 days in advance by a for profit business for approval by the church council. Non-profits must submit 15 days in advance and may be approved by the Pastor & Council President for content. This first year we're going to reserve it for news about Parkside. We will reconsider renting space after the first year.

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



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Craft & Vendor Show

SEPTEMBER 29 10AM TO 3PM



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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
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or call 262-689-9920



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH:



Because we believe in transformation, we believe the church's mission is changing lives—individually, systemically and globally...

We support, encourage and uplift local churches where lives are being changed through worship, education, fellowship, mission, and justice advocacy.

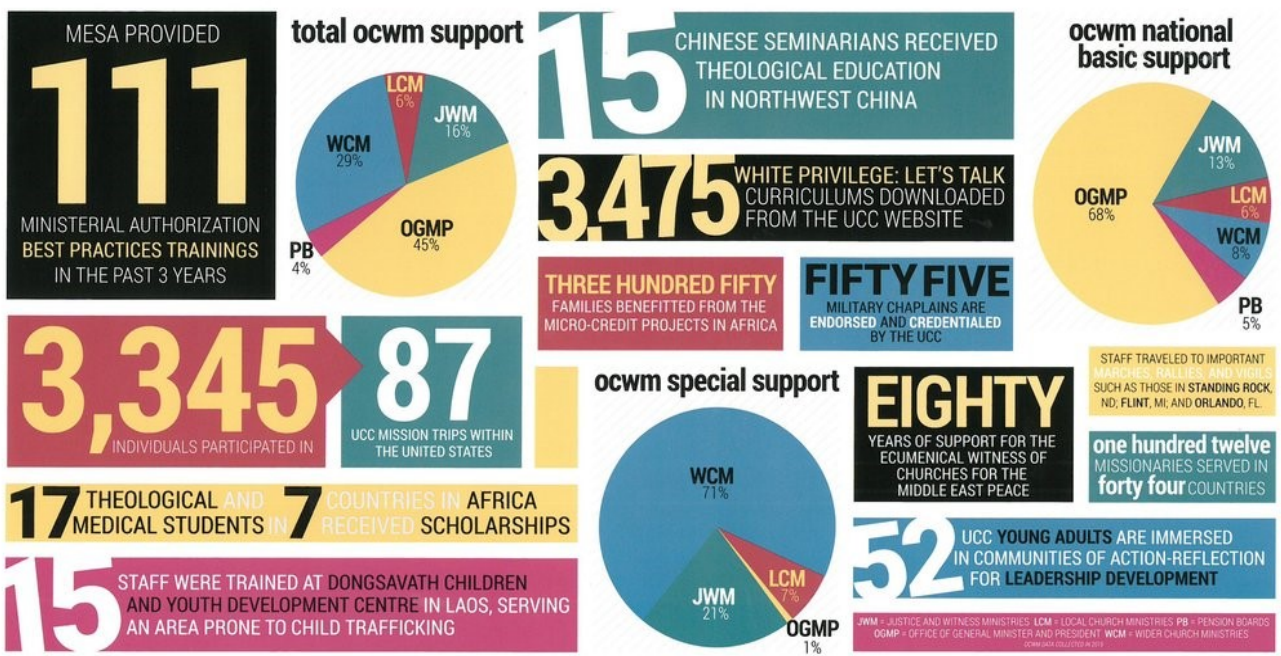
We identify, recruit, educate and support leaders who inspire others.

We support churches and plant new churches as vital places of worship, learning, and justice advocacy.

Gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission benefit the full range of the United Church of Christ mission across the country and around the globe.

WHY DONATE TO OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION?

Our Church's Wider Mission makes it possible to live out the vision of the United Church of Christ: United in Christ's love, a just world for all.





Thank you to those who arranged these special worship services for all of us at Parkside Community UCC to enjoy in July! On July 1 we hosted musician Bryan Sirchio. On July 8, we were joined by dancers from Nine Ladies Dance Academy. On July 15 we had special guest preacher, Paul Zachow.



Celebrating
150
YEARS



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Please submit newsletter items to the church at
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for the September 2018 Newsletter.

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