

Blessed Past Bold Future

October 2018

#### A Message from Pastor Michelle

Our weather is changing here in Saukville. We are moving towards my favorite season of Fall. The temperatures have cooled down. The mosquitoes are still around but slowly also leaving. Soon the leaves will be changing and the days will seem shorter because it will be getting darker sooner in the evenings.

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As Fall approaches, here at Parkside, we are now about to enter the season of offering Christian Education. One of the most requested Christian Education offerings requested of Pastors by congregants is Bible Study. As your Pastor and Teacher, this is one of my most important tasks. I am excited to be offering Bible Study 101 during the five Wednesdays in October. We will discuss the basics of the Holy Bible. We will look at each section of the Bible both Old and New Testaments. In our conversations, my hope is you will become more familiar with different elements of the Bible, historically and critically. I look forward to the experience and hope as many of you will attend as possible.

We are also ready on October 28 to celebrate 150 years of Ministry here in the Village of Saukville as St. Peter's United Church of Christ and lift up our ministry for the future as Parkside Community United Church of Christ. I am excited about the celebration and I hope you are as well. God has tremendously blessed this congregation and we will continue to pay homage to the past and all of the persons who have contributed to the legacy of St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

As God has blessed this community so abundantly over the years, may we continue to be a beacon of light for the Village of Saukville, Ozaukee County and the Greater Metro Milwaukee Area. God has always been in the midst of every joy, pain, sorrow, moment of grief and every sermon preached, song sung and prayer lifted over all of the 150 years of this beloved faith community. May we be Blessed with another 150 years of being "The Best Church This Side of Heaven".





# PRAYER

changes things

**Prayer Families for the Month:** 

October 7
Bonnie Dollert

October 14 Dick and Judy Schoenfeldt

October 21 Donna Koehler

October 28 Carrie, Todd, Sawyer, Reid, Lauren Rydzewski



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, October 7 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 re-

quest 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.



## **MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND**

At the request and approval of the Church Council the Maintenance Trust Fund transferred \$25,000 to the general budget to cover the parking lot sealing, church insurance and several other items that will be coming due before the end of the year. This occurred on September 17, 2018.

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Worship Committee did not meet in September. Next meeting will be Monday September 10 at 6 PM.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

At our September meeting, dates were set for our 2019 Rummage Sale. Drop off will be after church on Sunday June 9; Monday June 10 5pm-7pm; Tuesday June 11 5-7PM; Wednesday June 12 Drop off and set up 8-5. The sale will begin on Thursday June 13 at 8 AM - 5 PM; Friday June 14 8AM-5PM; and, Saturday June 15 8AM-2PM. Saturday will be our \$4/bag sale.

Stewardship program for 2019 was also discussed.

# **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 – September Meeting**

Faith Formation for all ages is Sundays at 9:00 AM. Kids will be going to the Lower Level to learn about the Prodigal Son (SPARK curriculum). This will be followed by lessons for Advent and Christmas.

Growing / Together in Faith

Adults will continue with Coffee & Conversation in the Council Room using the UCC Seeds.

We will have some mission moments with focus on Project Linus, making blankets throughout the year for children going through a traumatic event and bringing them comfort with a handmade blanket. We will also be continuing with the Heifer Project, holding a bake sale on October 21st before and after church.

Scholarship: Marla Race (Lay Academy)

Save the Dates:

October 3 and each following Wednesday evening in October at 6pm- Adult Bible Study

October 12 – Friday Fun Night: Caramel Apple Bar

October 21 – Bake Sale for the Heifer Project after Worship and at Noon is Trunk or Treat at Halloween with chili and desserts

# **Ecumenical Youth Group Update**

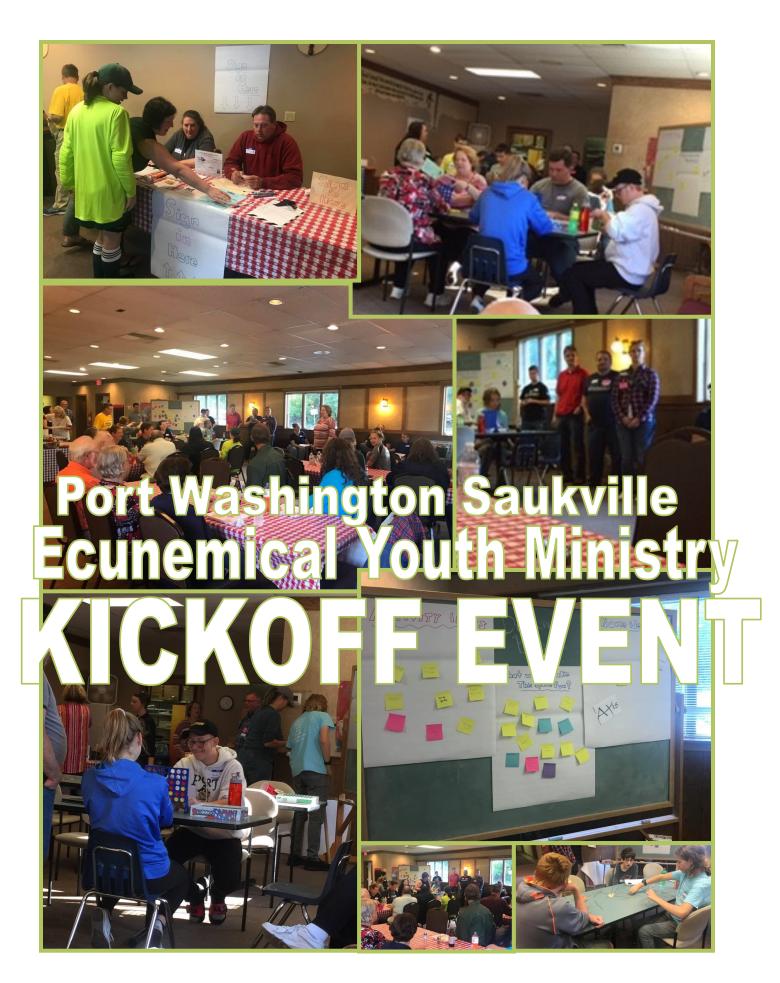
The Kickoff Event for the Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry group was held on Sunday, September 23 at Grand Avenue Methodist Church in Port Washington. The event included good food and fellowship and it was a success. The children in attendance had a lot of great ideas for outings and names for the group. We are happy to say we are getting closer to the hiring of a youth leader. See pictures of Kickoff event on next page.

The board will continue to meet bi-weekly to finalize fundraisers, narrowing down the applications for the Youth Leader, and next steps.

Save the Dates:

Oct.21st: Trunk or Treat at Living hope location. Adults— come see the fun and enjoy a chili lunch and yummy deserts.

Nov. 27th: Please visit one of the locations to celebrate an Ecumenical Youth group fund raising event. We will have breakfast option Lunch and Dinner. Times and locations will be posted and advertised within the next week.



# NOW HIRING: YOUTH DIRECTOR

#### Position:

Paid part-time Director of Youth Ministry for the Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry. Flexible hours to be negotiated with Board of Directors with an average of 10-15 hours per week. Report weekly hours to the Board.

#### Overview / Summary:

The Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry is a shared ministry of five congregations from three denominations in two communities. Our churches joined together in 2018 to establish an independent non-profit because we saw the need for a vibrant Christian group which welcomes youth grades 6-12 of all faith backgrounds. Together, we seek to create a welcoming and safe community where youth can grow in their relationships with God and with each other. The Youth Director will work closely with pastors, volunteers, and board members from multiple congregations to build relationships, lead events, and implement ministry programming which support the organization's purpose and mission.

#### General Expectations, Talents, Skills, & Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will be: A baptized Christian and active member of a congregation in partnership with either the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, or Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Capable of modeling Christian discipleship through words and actions. Passionate about the faith and spiritual lives of youth. Energetic, Engaging, and Creative. Comfortable building relationships with youth and adults, including parents, volunteers, and other faith leaders. Welcoming of persons from a variety of backgrounds, traditions, and identities. Able to clearly communicate the Organization's mission and vision. Regularly present in the community, seeking opportunities to interact with members of multiple congregations. Organized, responsible, dependable, honest, mature, and accessible. Willing to comply with child safety policies at all times (including regular background screening and training). Able to participate in training events and professional development opportunities as available. Maintaining safe boundaries within professional relationships. Proficient in Microsoft office and professional on social media platforms. Experienced in working with teens 6th grade and older. At least 25 years old with a high school degree. Some college preferred in a field related to ministry, counseling, teaching, or experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, working with children, or a related field.

#### Responsibilities:

The Director of Youth Ministry will work closely with the board of directors to determine events, goals, and specific responsibilities. Based on an agreed calendar of events and work schedule, the Director is responsible to: Be a spiritual guide and role model for youth and families throughout our community.

Plan, publicize, organize, and execute regular events for 6th – 12th grade youth which may include (but is not limited to) weekly gatherings, worship opportunities, service projects, retreats/camp/trips, and fundraisers.

Work with congregations to support special events for families with children (including but not limited to: Trunk or Treat, Christmas Program, Easter Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School). Communicate regularly and professionally with individuals and congregations in person, in writing, and electronically. Develop, organize, and implement a ministry which deepens, grows, and enhances the faith of youth through relevant, experiential, authentic, and life-giving experiences. Intentionally develop professional and life-giving relationships with youth, volunteers, and parents Recruit and train adult volunteers. Ensure all volunteers follow child safety policies. Ensure that essential documents are in place, updated, and distributed in a timely fashion (included but not limited to: youth directory, calendars, registration forms, copyright licensing, budgets, etc.) Offer timely, creative solutions to concerns raised about the youth ministry

Please send resume to Ray Shupe at shuper54@yahoo.com.



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No matter, how big or small of an amount you want to give, online giving and text giving is now available at Parkside Community UCC.

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Just visit our website and click "donate" from the top menu, or click here to be taken directly to the website. You can choose what fund you would like your donation to go into and the amount. 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. You will receive a reply with a link and you just follow the simple instructions to choose the amount and account.

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.





Parkside Community UCC Hosts Family Promise Guests Week of November 11



Parkside Community UCC will be hosting Family Promise guests the week of Sunday, November 11. 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.

Family Promise helps homeless and lowincome families and single women in Ozaukee County achieve sustainable independence. Our 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 our clients often have little or no income and often are dealing with a disability.

Volunteers are at the heart of Family Promise; without them, it cannot exist. Volunteers provide a variety of services: cooking and serving meals, playing with children, helping with homework, and staying overnight. Beyond providing lodging and meals, volunteers interact with the guests, treating them with respect and responding with compassion.

# THE COUNTDOWN IS HEREIII

150 ANNIVERISARY COMMITTEE OCTOBER 28, 2018

Fall is here and our big Sunday is drawing near! Hope you all have this date on your calendars for this special day to celebrate with service, lunch and fellowship.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>; Sunday service will be a little different. You will be watching a video from ground breaking Sunday. Come and remi-

Celebrating

YEARS

nisce what it was like sitting in the old church and so many memories.

Through this year we have had different symbols on our narthex windows each month. The pumpkins etc. that you see now will be the last. Ladies from our church got together and had a cut out gathering. It took no time at all to get 150 cut out. We had food, fellowship, laughs and lots of fun. Thank you all!

SEE YOU ALL ON OCTOBER 28TH!



#### Council Meeting Highlights from September 11, 2018 Council Meeting

Pastor Michelle, Mark Gierach, Heather Rogge, Sue Sarver, Henry Rogge, Michelle Fuentes, Joan Brecke, Kaityln Beck

President Gierach called meeting to order at 6:34pm. Pastor Michelle opened with prayer.

August Council Minutes: Brecke motioned to accept as submitted. 2nd Sarver. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Fuentes presented August financials. August expenses were \$2,457.41 more than our revenue. Brecke made the motion, Henry Rogge seconded to approve as presented. Motion Heather Rogge, second Beck to move \$22,000 from the Capital Improvement-Planned Giving account to the General Fund.

Pastor's Report – Bible Study in October and November. Looking at book for future book studies. Out Sept 17-22 for vacation. Looking at different retreat options. Association is emphasizing clergy care and wellness. Working with Marla Race on Lay Academy. Monday, Sept 24 meeting in Waukesha to discuss health insurance call share for clergy.

#### Committees

Faith Formation/Youth – Family Fun Night this coming Friday.

Stewardship – Rummage Sale 2019. Set up and drop off June 9-12 and June 13-15 for sale dates.

Worship – No report.

Building & Grounds – Parking lot sealing and striping has been completed. Lower level flooring is being evaluated.

Caring – No report

Missions – Family Promise next hosting in November. Oct 30 presentation on 101 Human Trafficking. Motion Heather Rogge, second Henry Rogge to approve up to \$200 from the Scrip Fund to pay the presenter.

150th – Cups and ornaments have arrived.

Pastoral Relations Committee – Members are set (4 total)

#### Old Business

ADRC - \$10/date for Senior Meal site proposed.

#### **New Business**

Church Council and Leadership Team – Council asked to consider proposal to modify by-laws for discussion at November council meeting. The recommendation is that to serve on a board or committee you must attend worship regularly.

Budgets due to Michelle Fuentes by Oct 1. Congregational meeting Nov 18.

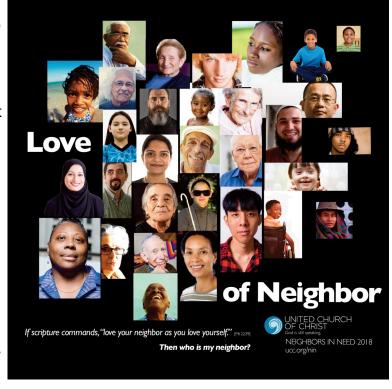
Motion to adjourn by Henry Rogge, second by Brecke.

# OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of

NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two -thirds of this offering is used by the **UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries** (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.







Please submit newsletter items to the church at saukvilleucc@att.net by October 23. for the November 2018 Newsletter.

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