



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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December 2018

## *A Message from Pastor Michelle*

Winter has ARRIVED here in Southeast Wisconsin! As you remember, I did not arrive until January 8th of this year so THIS Winter, I am getting the full effect of SE Wisconsin Winter! Please pray for your Pastor and my doggies, Margarite and Manolo! They were born in Atlanta, GA so they are adjusting to this cold weather as well but Pastor Georgia and I have armed them with fleece coats and sweaters!



We are also entering the season of Advent which I have to say is tied with Lent/Easter as being my favorite seasons of the liturgical calendar year. I ask you to be patient with me as I am planning, hopefully a very meaningful Advent Season of Worship here at Parkside Community UCC.

Each Sunday in Worship, we will blend traditional Christmas and Advent hymns along with hymns that reflect the lectionary lessons of the weeks. We will also recite litanies as we light the Advent candles each Sunday.

In our country, consumerism has literally consumed our Christmas season. Christmas trees are cut in September in the Upper Regions of the United States. Christmas decorations are in the stores in October before Halloween and Thanksgiving arrive. "Shopping until you drop" has taken on a whole new meaning with Black Friday starting on Thanksgiving Day and Cyber Monday are taken to extreme measures with drastic markdowns to entice people to shop. There are literally fights in the stores over merchandise and there were several stabbings and fist fights in parts of this country on Black Friday. Let us pause and remember the REAL reason for this Advent Season.

The Advent Season highlights the concepts of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love on the four Sundays in Advent. We are in anticipation of the birth of a little baby, lying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes being HOPEful, JOYful, PEACEful and full of LOVE! JESUS is the reason for the season. Let us be ever mindful of this fact as we journey through the Christmas and Advent season!

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Advent Blessings to you and yours,  
*Pastor Michelle*

# CARING MINISTRIES



# PRAYER

*changes things*

## Prayer Families for the Month:

December 2  
Ann Murawsky

December 9  
Donna Vold

December 16  
Bill and Donna Ballbach

December 23  
Chris, Carol, Ella, and  
Julia Jors

December 30  
Darrell and Cheryl Dollert



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, December 2  
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.

*Make it a better world*



## 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](mailto:dweigel@wi.rr.com).



## CARING MINISTRIES

Please let Pastor Michelle know if you plan to enter the hospital. She is always willing to visit anytime, anywhere.

Thank you notes were sent to:

- Kris Schmit, Nancy and Mark Gierach, Bill Karrels, Wally Quade: Carpet Cleaning
- Nancy Gierach – 150th Lunch
- Franz Rigert – 150th Sermon
- Mission Committee – Human Trafficking Program
- Susan Drake and Julie Jennings – Music 11/4
- Krista Hull – Human Trafficking presentation

thank  
YOU

*For those who are stressed,  
hurting, or lonely.*

*Longest  
Night  
Service*

December 20 at 7pm at Parkside

Partnering congregations include Christ the King ELCA, Grand Avenue UMC, Living Hope ELCA, and Parkside Community UCC .

## 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](mailto:jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com) (new email address!) or any member of Caring Ministries.

# Faith Formation – November Meeting

Faith Formation: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Youth on lower level: Advent, Christmas, Jesus Is Born

Adult Coffee & Conversation in the Council Room :  
UCC Seeds



Bake Sale: \$157.50 was raised for the Heifer Project. The children voted to purchase one goat and 10-18 chicks . The left over amount will go for training of the recipients of the animals. Thanks to all who donated and/or purchased bakery!

Adults: Bible 101 Wednesday evenings, December 5 and December 19 at 6pm. Classes have been well attended. Join us!

Save the Dates:

December 2 – First Day of Advent, we will be holding an intergenerational event during the 9am Faith Formation. We will do a group devotional and craft projects.

December 14 – Friday Fun Night – White Elephant Gift Exchange / 5:30 gathering; 6:00 meal

December 16 - All-Church Christmas Program with 9 Ladies Dancing performing Liturgical Dance.

January 11 – Friday Fun Night and Chili Cook-Off / 5:30 gathering; 6:00 meal

## **Port Washington Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry:**

October 14 — Pumpkin and Pizza Event was well attended

November 27 — Fund Raiser Tuesday

- Breakfast @ Living Hope 8 – 10 AM (Grab and Go from 6 – 8 AM)
- Lunch @ Parkside Community UCC 11:30 – 1:00 Soup & Salad/Sandwich
- Supper @ Grand Avenue Methodist – Spaghetti Dinner 5 – 8 PM with music by Bella and the Port-Saukville HS a cappella group, Limited Edition. There will also be a Silent Auction and Poinsettia Sale (poinsettias purchased will be brought to Parkside for Christmas)

December 1 — Work on PWSEYM float and participate in the Port Christmas Parade

501c3 paperwork has been submitted and we have officially received our 501c3 status.

Final interviews for Youth Leader position.

Youth are working out a better name for the group.





# ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sunday, December 2—10am to Noon

AND

Monday, December 3—5:30pm to 7:30pm

at St. John's XXIII Catholic School in Fort Washington

Parkside Community UCC members and the general public are invited to attend a free information event to help educate ourselves on human trafficking. The event is being held on two separate days it will be the same presentation each day, so you need only attend one. If you missed our event at Parkside in October, this is a great opportunity to still hear the message and become informed. If you attended our previous event, please still come and join us, this event is being put on by St. John's XXIII and will be featuring a different speaker, Deacon Steve Przedpelski from the Franciscan Peacemakers. The Peacemakers are a street ministry group located in Milwaukee. Visit [franciscanpeacemakers.com](http://franciscanpeacemakers.com) to learn more about their work. If you would like to share a ride, please call Joan Brecke at (262) 483-6795.



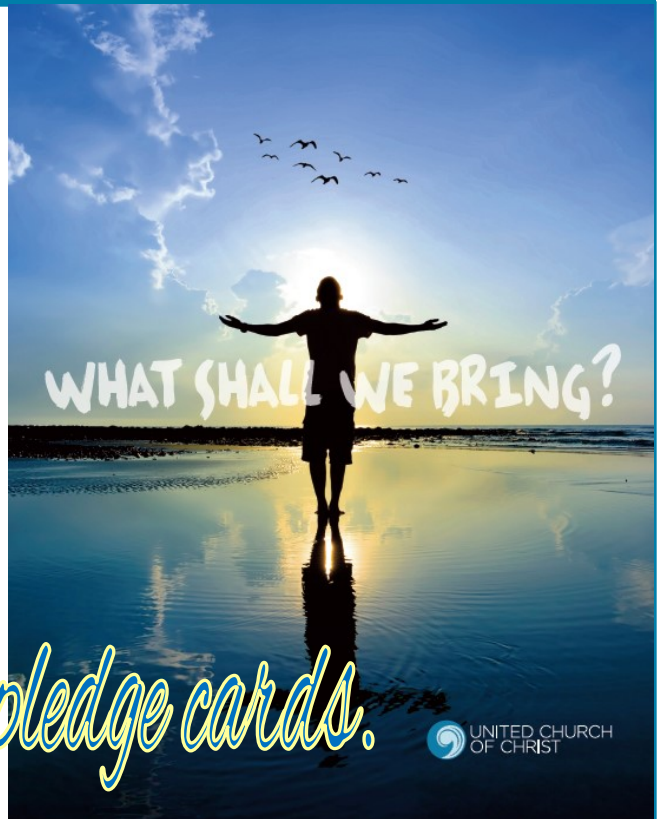
Deacon Steve Przedpelski

## Stewardship

Next meeting will be held Monday December 3 at 6pm.

Pledge cards, both for financial and time/talent have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please contact Chelene. Please turn in completed cards on Sunday, December 2 so the committee can tabulate them at our Monday meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our church by submitting pledges. To those who haven't, please consider doing so very soon. Thank you everyone.



*Please turn in your pledge cards.*



# CHRISTMAS Parade

**PORT WASHINGTON SAUKVILLE  
ECUMENICAL YOUTH MINISTRY  
NEEDS YOUR HELP  
TO HELP DECORATE & RIDE  
ON THE FLOAT  
FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE**

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1  
MEET TO DECORATE FLOAT AT EERNISSE LOCATED AT 16000 GRAND AVE PORT  
WASHINGTON WI 53074

THEY HAVE GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED US A WARM GARAGE SPACE TO DECORATE  
OUR FLOAT.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR DECORATORS!

PARADE LINE UP TO RIDE ON FLOAT IS AT 5:30PM AT  
THE MARINA PARKING LOT, IF YOU CAN HELP BY WALK-  
ING OR RIDING ON THE FLOAT, WE NEED THAT TOO!

PLEASE CONTACT MRS.RACE AT  
MRACEIPHONE@GMAIL.COM IF YOU CAN HELP.



COME ALONG TO PORT WASHINGTON'S

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS ON THE CORNER AND PARADE

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

3PM TO 6PM  
Downtown Port Washington

- PICTURES with SANTA
- COOKIE DECORATING
- LETTERS TO SANTA
- LIVE REINDEER
- ELF on A SHELF  
SCAVENGER HUNT
- LIVE NATIVITY
- WAGON RIDES

Weather permitting a  
Holiday Movie will be  
shown outdoors!

Fireworks  
Following  
Parade!

6:00 pm Tree Lighting on the Triangle

6:15 pm Christmas Parade

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# 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](mailto:shuper54@yahoo.com) .



## WORSHIP MINISTRY

Please put the following dates on your calendars for our special events in December:

**Sunday, December 2**—First Sunday in Advent, service is at 10am. We hope you will stay for fellowship and help us decorate our tree in the Fireside Room!

**Sunday, December 9** — Second Sunday in Advent, Georgia Chambers will be our special guest Preacher.

**Sunday, December 16** — Third Sunday in Advent, All Church Christmas Program and liturgical dance by 9 Ladies Dancing.

**Thursday, December 20**—Longest Night Service at 7pm at Parkside with participating churches: Christ the King Lutheran ELCA, Grand Avenue UMC, Living Hope ELCA, and Parkside Community UCC.

**Sunday, December 23**—Fourth Sunday in Advent, worship service at 10am.

**Monday, December 24** — Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:00pm

*We hope you will join us this Advent season!*



# BIBLE STUDY 101

The Bible Study classes will be continuing on Wednesdays at 6pm in the conference room. Below are the exact dates for December—

**Wednesdays, December 5 and December 19 at 6pm**



# online GIVING

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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.

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, 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'll receive a reply with a link, then follow the simple instructions.

With online giving and text giving, Parkside Community UCC will incur standard processing fees, but if it's more convenient for you to give this way, please do so!



# Give



Family Promise<sup>®</sup>  
of Ozaukee County

Parkside Community UCC is one of 14 host churches supporting Family Promise of Ozaukee County which helps homeless and low-income families and single women in 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.



### Stats for 2017:

- 4,800 Meals
- 400+volunteers
- 325 Calls for Help
- 17 Congregations
- 1,600 Nights of Shelter
- 75 Children and Adults Served
- 85% Secure Safe and Housing
- >5% Return to Homelessness

# Reverse Advent Calendar

Want to give back this Christmas season? Why not consider a reverse advent calendar?

Each day of advent, place the suggested item in a basket or box and bring your donations into the food pantry when it is full!



**2018**

CALENDAR YEAR

**DECEMBER**

CALENDAR MONTH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
Advent Giving Calendar Saukville Community Food Pantry		PLACE A BOX IN YOUR KITCHEN AND EACH DAY ADD ONE ITEM TO YOUR ADVENT BOX FOR THE FOOD PANTRY				TOOTHPASTE
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
MANWICH	KETCHUP	TUNA	SPAGHETTI O's	CORNED BEEF HASH	CHILI BEANS	FRUIT COCKTAIL
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
SHAMPOO	NAVY BEANS	PEAS & CARROTS	DICED TOMATOES	SPAGHETTI SAUSE	DISH SOAP	MAYO
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
RICE A RONI	INSTANT POTATOES	BROWNIE MIX	CHUNKY SOUP	TOLIET PAPER	PORK & BEANS	JELLY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
PEARS	BAKED BEANS	MANDARIN ORANGES	CAKE MIX	LAUNDRY SOAP	BATH / HAND SOAP	SALAD DRESSING
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
FRUIT DRINKS	KLEENEX					

LASATA CARE CENTER CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST FOR 2018  
W76 N677 Wauwatosa Road, Cedarburg

Toiletries

Aftershave lotions and colognes  
Soft Toothbrush, toothpaste, denture brush, mouthwash  
Large boxes of Kleenex or Puffs  
Hair pics, Brushes, Combs  
Dove bar soap  
Hand and body lotions  
Cologne, perfume  
Chapstick

Candy

Andes Chocolate mints  
Sugar-free candy

Miscellaneous

Clip earrings, pins, necklaces  
Decorative tins of cookies, candy  
Stuffed animals (a favorite)  
Large faced watches (men and women's)  
DVD Movies

Please stop in and pick up an ornament on the tree & place donations in the designated box located in the Fireside Room by Sunday, December 9.

Please do not wrap gifts. Staff must see items to meet individual needs.

Enclose your name/organization and address so we can send a thank you and deliver donations to Activity Dept. or front desk by December 15th. If you have questions please feel free to call Kathi Roberts, Activity Director at 262-512-2803 or Judy O'Connell at 262-512-2804.

Seasons Greetings

The season for giving is just around the corner and we at Lasata Care Center are hoping that you will consider putting us on your giving list once again this year. Our residents are blessed with the community outpouring of love that we have seen in the past years for our Christmas gift donations. They look forward to opening their gifts with much anticipation knowing that their packages are hand selected personally for each one. Because of organizations and individuals like yourselves, we are able to ensure that the smiles on Christmas Day will be there because of your generous giving. Have a safe and blessed Holiday Season.

Kathi Roberts ADC/AC Activity Director

Lasata Care Center



# DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:



Ted Dawson, Artist

## 2018 ★ THE CHRISTMAS FUND for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



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# #Giving Tuesday



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Giving Tuesday fundraising event for the Port Washington Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry. The event was a big success and though no final total raised has been released yet, it is looking very positive! If you missed the event, and still want to give, online donations are still being accepted at [parksideucc.com/give](http://parksideucc.com/give).



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Please submit newsletter items to the church at  
[saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) by December 18.  
for the January 2019 Newsletter.

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