

Blessed Past Bold Future

February 2019

A Message from Pastor Michelle

We are in the midst of the first month of a new year and an opportunity to allow the blessings of our Creator God to envelope us with a sense of hope and purpose as we live into the year 2019. Many of us start a new year by making resolutions of things we will change in our lives. I invite us in this new year to not just make

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resolutions to change our physical appearances but to work on our internal appearance. As Christians we are in the midst of the season of Epiphany and will welcome Lent on March 6 which is Ash Wednesday.

Lent provides an opportunity for us to journey with Jesus in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. In this journey, we have the chance to really become introspective and spend time in silence with our souls and our spirits to draw closer to Jesus and to internal personhood. In our busy lives, we don't often get the chance to draw inward. Lent is the perfect opportunity to do so.

As we move forth in the liturgical calendar, we have been looking at the gifts of the Spirit in the book of Corinthians. I will continue to talk about this in my sermon for Sunday, January 27. In the 12th chapter of I Corinthians, the Apostle Paul is telling the church at Corinth that all of them are a part of the Body of Christ and the Body does not survive without the participation of all persons in the uplift and the sharing of the good news of the gospel to spread throughout the region of Corinth. This message applies to Parkside for we are a small but faithful community which survives with the hard work of its members and friends. As your pastor, I would not just like to see us survive but thrive here at Parkside Community United Church of Christ.

As we embark on this new year, we are called as a faith-filled faith community of believers to spread the loving, caring and inclusive message of Christ's unconditional love for all of us. Parkside has always done a excellent job of being the hands and feet of Christ in the Village of Saukville and throughout Ozaukee County. In this new year, we are called to step up this even further as we venture towards being and creating a Beloved Community. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of the creation of a Beloved Community where one day his children would be able to hold hands in love and peace with other children regardless of their race, gender, nationality etc. The creation of this Beloved Community is essential in our current time as we are living through some fractured times in the life of our country. Many are hurting, many are grieving, many are sad, unemployment is rising and many are sick and unable to access the healthcare resources needed for healing. In these times, Parkside must stand as a loving, caring, inclusive and justice oriented faith community oriented towards peace.

I have no doubt as the Pastor of this church that we can accomplish this task and stand as a true beacon of light throughout our Village, our county, the Greater Metro area of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin. Are you ready to take the journey with me and create a thriving Beloved Community?





PRAYER

- changes things
Prayer Families for the Month:

February 3 Jennifer Schoenfeldt

February 10 Karen Welton

February 17 Patty Antonia

February 24 Kris and Steve Schmit 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 let Pastor Michelle or the church office know if you or someone in your family plans to enter the hospital. Due to the HIPAA law, information isn't available when someone is admitted. Please join us for Holy Communion Served on Sunday, February 3 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.





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:

- Heather Rogge for the Christmas Program and her term on the Council
- Wally Quade for his term on the Council
- Michelle Fuentes for her year as Church Treasurer

Soup Fundraiser details and order form can be found on page 4. Profits will go towards our church's missions. We appreciate your support!

Prayer Chain Information



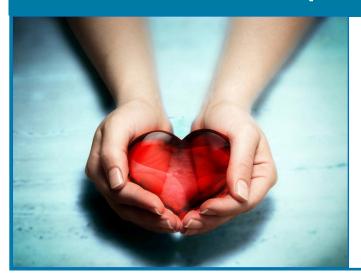
To call in a prayer request Please notify

Jean Hamilton 262-284-3734 jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com

or

Gail Weigel dweigel@wi.rr.com

Soup Ministry



There are times in each of our lives when a light meal is very much appreciated. Caring Ministries has frozen quarts of homemade soup available. Please see any member of the Caring Ministries Team if you know of a member who would appreciate a quart.



Warm up with some delicious homemade soup!

To order, just complete this form and turn it into Nancy Gierach or Gail Weigel or mail it to: Parkside Community UCC, PO Box 80304, Saukville, WI 53080 OR

You can also place your order online at www.parksideucc.com/soupsale

Orders must be received by February 3.

Payment is due when you pick up your order.

Soup pickup date is Sunday, February 10 between 11am to Noon at Parkside's Fellowship Hall located at 166 W. Dekora Street, Saukville, WI.

Name:		Phone Number:	Phone Number:	
Quantity Ordered	Price Per Quart	Soup	Extended Price	
	\$8	Chicken Noodle (chicken, vegetables, egg noodles)		
	\$8	Chili (beef chili with kidney and pinto beans)		
	\$8	Beef & Vegetable (beef, onions, celery, carrots, potatoes)		
	\$8	Vegetarian Minestrone (gluten free, loaded with veggies & beans)		
		Total Amount Due:		





Visioning Meeting

We are holding a Visioning Meeting on February 2nd from 9am to Noon at Parkside. All Members, Past Members, Those Thinking about Becoming a Member, or just Those Interested in Parkside are all welcome and encouraged to attend and provide input to help us build a

vision for a better future.

Continental Breakfast will be provided. We'll look at the sheets we put together last year (pic at right), discuss what did we get done; what's left undone that we still want to do; and what is our 3 year plan.

We hope to see many of you there!



February Mission of the Month: Food Pantry



The Saukville Community Food Pantry is an all volunteer, non-profit organization providing warm meals, groceries, school supplies and support to families in need in Ozaukee County. The number of families served has grown tremendously since we opened our doors in 2012. In the first month of operation, the pantry helped 23 families. Today, we

serve over 80 families a month and help over 315 families a year. Saukville Community Food Pantry has created a shopping experience for our families to allow them to choose the foods that work best for their family and any dietary needs they may have. Outside of the needs of the pantry we provide a free meal site, holiday meal boxes, mobile food pantries and a growing school supply program. To volunteer, email volunteer.pantry@att.net.



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HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Parkside Community UCC in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or click here. There is also a link on our Parkside website at parksideucc.com/thrivent.

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that gives Thrivent Financial members the power to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funds each year. Eligible members are invited to direct Choice Dollars® among thousands of enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches, camps, schools, seminaries, campus ministries and more.

More than \$370 million in Choice Dollars grant funds were distributed to churches and other nonprofit organizations since the program was introduced in 2010. More than 38,800 churches and organizations are enrolled in Thrivent Choice.

There are so many ways to support your church: buy Scrip cards, save your aluminum and tin cans for recycling, purchase your coffee and Fair Trade products, buy a greeting card, and now if you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member you can direct your Choice Dollars®!



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.

Oscar Grady Public Library



TAXES Filing at the Library

AARP® Real Possibilities Wisconsin



Starting this February 14th.

This year Tax Season got a little easier at the Library. Sponsored by AARP and the IRS, volunteers will be on site on selected dates to file your taxes completely for free.

Inquire at the desk for more information on how to benefit from this great service.



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www.oscargradylibrary.org

Volunteers will be on site the following dates:

Thursday, February 14th
Monday, February 25th
Monday, March 11th
Thursday, March 28th
Monday, April 8th

Appointments are strictly required.

Each date will have a one hour assigned spot starting at 10.30 AM. LIMITED SPOTS.

Annual Reports Due February 1

Please submit your annual report to saukvilleucc@att.net by February 1.



On Sunday, November 17, 2019 we will be holding our All Congregational Meeting to vote on the 2020 budget and to hold elections.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Free Informational Event — Together We Can Fight Back!

February 18 at 6pm

RESCHEDULED

This event was originally scheduled for January 30 but due to weather was postponed.

- What does human trafficking look like in Wisconsin?
- How do vulnerable individuals become victims?
- What are the red flags?
- What can you do?



Speaker Morgan Young is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and has been working in the field of victim services for over a decade. Morgan specializes in the areas of immigration, family violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. She currently holds the position of Victim Services Training Officer in the Office of Crime Victim Services at the Wisconsin Department of Justice and is the former chair of the WI Statewide Anti-Trafficking Consortium. Morgan also teaches the Law & Contemporary Problems - Domestic Violence course at the UW Law School.





WORSHIP MINISTRY

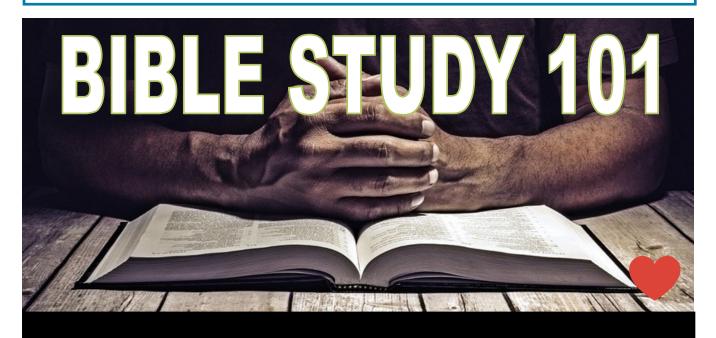
JANUARY 2019

Worship committee was not able to meet this month. We will reschedule in February. At that time discussion on upcoming Lent and Holy week will be on the agenda.

Some assistance will be needed this year for the following:

- If Easter flowers are again going to be part of our Easter celebration we need someone to take orders, payments, work with Penny for the ordering and set up for Easter morning.
- If serving Easter Breakfast after the early morning service; we will need someone to organize, prepare, set up and clean up.
- We're asking for a volunteer to set up communion on Easter morning for both services.

Thank You in Advance, Worship Committee



The Bible Study classes will be continuing on Wednesdays at 6pm

in the conference room. Below are the exact dates for February—

Wednesdays— February 6th, 13th, and 27th at 6pm

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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 your donation goes toward & 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



SCRIP



New Ordering Procedures!

In an effort to streamline our scrip procedures and reduce shipping costs, we will now be placing scrip orders on a twice monthly scheduled basis, after the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

To keep it simple for you, we will be marking these dates on the Parkside church calendar, which you can view here.

What do you need to do? Just stop by and visit the scrip table after church on Sunday and see Gail or Chelene to fill out a scrip order form.

Yes, we will still have plenty of cards in stock, but if you are looking for something special — just place your order and we should receive the order within 5 to 10 days from the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

REMEMBER — Scrip is a great way to support Parkside and profits from this fundraiser will go to providing financial support to our Missions and Caring Ministries!



Minutes of Mission Meeting -Jan. 8, 2019

Members Present - Sandy Dickmann, Mark Gierach, Rebecca Pinhancos, Pastor Michelle, Joan Brecke

We are hosting Family Promise the week of 1/20/19 - Sandy D. to handle scheduling volunteers for this. As of this date there is one family in the program - mom and 3 children (this could change daily).

The Washington County Anti-trafficking Advocates next meeting will be held on 1/22/19 at the Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford at 6:30 pm. The speaker will be Jarrett Luckett from Exploit No More. All are welcome to attend - we do carpool to this - if interested let Joan know.

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 will be held at Parkside Community UCC. Speaker will be Morgan Young, a graduate of UW Law School. Morgan currently holds the position of Training Officer at the Department of Justice and is the former chair of the WI Statewide Anti-Trafficking Consortium. Consensus was to advertise this event as we did with our October speaker. Will do follow-up on contacting Oz. Sheriff's Office (Christy Knowles - Undersheriff/Second in Command), Saukville Police Dept. (Robert Meyer, Chief of Police, and Emily Neese, Officer) - Joan to follow-up. Pastor Michelle to follow-up with her contact at Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy (office in Saukville) and local Pastors to make sure they are aware of this event.

Our February event will be showing the DVD "I Am Jane Doe". This is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ hr. documentary following 3 moms of middle school girls and the struggles they encountered while their daughters were victims of human trafficking. Rebecca P. will review this documentary and provide Pastor Michelle with speaker notes. Pastor M will lead this event. Date is 2/26/19 at 6:00 p.m.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

The Stewardship and Faith Formation Ministries did not meet in January.

Stewardship will meet on Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm.

Can you find 14 hearts?

Can you find 14 hearts in our February newsletter? Hearts will look exactly like this one to the right.



If you can, circle them and be the first person to bring by the newsletter with your circled 14 hearts to the church office for a special prize!

Office hours: M, T, W, Th 8:30am to 2pm





Please submit newsletter items to the church at saukvilleucc@att.net by February 25. for the February 2019 Newsletter.





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