

Blessed Past Bold Future

March 2019

A Message from Pastor Michelle

As I am writing this letter to you, we are one week away from Ash Wednesday which kicks off our Lenten Season. We will have an Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm. We will spend time together in a contemplative and meditative service. As we journey into

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Lent this year, I want to let you know some of my Lenten practices for this year.

Commonly, people feel they need to give something up for Lent. I personally believe that you don't necessarily have to give something up such as red meat, sugar, coffee etc. but rather, it is important to

take on something new in your 40 day walk with Jesus in the wilderness. My Lenten practices for this year are going to be working on my personal fitness, reading at least 3 books during Lent and spending even more quiet time in silence, meditation and contemplation talking with Jesus along the way.

Lenten Focus

I believe putting the focus on taking on something new or different is a powerful way of approaching Lent rather than giving up something that might mean a lot to you.

You might consider taking on a new attitude, more positive feelings or something along this line. I believe putting the focus on taking on something new or different is a powerful way of approaching Lent rather than giving up something that might mean a lot to you. I have even made the commitment to spend less time on Social media. This will be a very motivating and spiritually relevant Lenten practice for me.



Lent and ultimately the Eastertide Season is a favorite time of year for me. I feel a sense of renewed spirit as I journey through Lent with Jesus every year and ultimately feel overwhelmed with exuberant Joy and Praise as we Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Morning.

May we all feel the presence and strength of walking with Jesus in the wilderness during this Lenten Season.

> Warm regards, Pastor Michelle



PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

March 3 – Bob Dickmann

March 10 – Kathy Tauben

March 17 – Bethel, Olivia, and Baker Metz

March 24 – Terry, Jodi, Garrett, and Ian Steigerwald prayers. Your ad-

March 31 – Eric, Sarah, Aiden, Leah, and Jenna Schmitz 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, March 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.



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.

CARING MINISTRIES

Soup Fund Raiser: Caring Ministries had orders for about 70 quarts of soup.

Proceeds will go to Parkside's Human Trafficking Mission.

Caring Ministries will be taking over ordering Fair Trade items. If you want particular items, please let Ingrid Newlin know this month. Various chocolates, coffee, and teas are available for order. We will continue to maintain the items on the shelf by the church office.





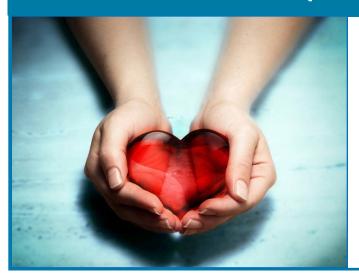




To call in a prayer request Please notify

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.

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



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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.





Join Us for a Sunday Lenten Series

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT RACIAL JUSTICE

LISTEN. LEARN. RESPOND



MARCH 10 3:00-4:30 pm MARGARET ROZGA

"Milwaukee's Struggle for Fair Housing: The History and the Poetry" First Congregational UCC, 131 N. Webster St, Port Washington



MARCH 17 6:00 -7:30 pm BRYAN JOHNSON

"The History and Worship of the African American Church" in word and music Parkside Community UCC, 166 W Dekora St (Hwy 33 by the park), Saukville



MARCH 24 3:00-4:30 pm EMILIO DE TORRE

"Our Youth, Our future: Racial disparities in the Criminal Justice System"
First Congregational UCC, 131 N. Webster St, Port Washington



MARCH 31 3:00-4:30 pm REGGIE JACKSON

"The Hidden Impacts of Segregation in Wisconsin: Why It Matters to Us All"
First Congregational UCC, 131 N. Webster St, Port Washington

APRIL 7

3:00-4:30 pm

COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION

EVICTED by Matthew Desmond (book will be available at prior events)
First Congregational UCC, 131 N. Webster St, Port Washington



THROUGH MARCH CROSSING THE LINE: photographs from the Fair Housing marches in Milwaukee, 1967-68 -- An Exhibit from the Wisconsin Historical Society First Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, 131 N. Webster St, Port Washington

> A free-will offering will be accepted on behalf of America's Black Holocaust Museum and Grace UCC in Milwaukee.

Sponsored by Southeast Wisconsin Racial Justice Consortium,

a partnership of urban and ex-urban faith communities.

Bethel-Bethany UCC, Milwaukee; Grace UCC, Milwaukee; First Congregational UCC, Port Washington; Parkside Community UCC, Saukville and Pilgrim UCC, Grafton.

Partial funding received from the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ, Our Church's Wider Mission Fund.

More details about our speakers can be found at http://portucc.org/



online GIVING easy. fast. effective

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!



MISSIONS UPDATES

The Missions Committee did not meet on 2/12 due to weather.

We did host a speaker, Morgan Young, on 2/18 who spoke on the subject of Human Trafficking. It was well attended by approximately 40-45 people Watch for future events.

Our next date for hosting Family Promise is the week of March 17th. Check your calendars to see if you can assist in either making dinner, participate in fellowship after dinner (usually 6-8), stay overnight or set-up and take down. Currently we have a single mom with 3 children in

the program. Contact either Sandy Dickmann or Joan Brecke for more info.

Our Monthly Mission for March is One Great Hour of Sharing. The theme for this year is "More Than We Can Imagine." This is part of Our Churches Wider Mission, which is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Scripture Reference: Ephesians 3:20

Now to God be the Glory who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

Tuesday, Mar. 26 11 am – Noon FOUNDERS' DAY LECTURE: A MODERN RESPONSE TO MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Bradley Theatre, Lakeland University, W3718 South Dr, Plymouth Presenter: Sr. Joan Dawber, founder and executive director of Lifeway Network in New York City

Sr. Joan will present the story of LifeWay Network and its response to human trafficking, or what it is more correctly named modern-day slavery. Learn about human trafficking globally and right here in the United States, who it impacts, tactics used by traffickers and red flags in order to prevent, recognize and report trafficking.

Lecture is free; lunch with Sr. Joan following presentation is \$10 For more information, visit www.Lakeland.edu/UlrichCenter or email bosmanlr@lakeland.edu or call 920-565-1023 ext. 2151.

If anyone is interested in attending this program, please contact Joan Brecke at joanbrecke@gmail.com to carpool.

Faith Formation – February Meeting

Faith Formation: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Youth on lower level: Ruth

Adult Coffee & Conversation in the Council Room: UCC Seeds

PWSEYM Youth: The group has chosen the name LIGHTHOUSE. Upcoming activities are listed below

Adults: Bible Study will resume after Easter. Wednesday mid-week Lenten gatherings will alternate between Parkside and Living Hope. Lenten devotionals will be ordered.

Libraries: Children's – being used regularly by the YMCA after-school program children. Books have been added.

Adult – Feel free to browse and check out books. Topic shelf signs have been added.

Bake Sale: Faith Formation will sponsor a bake sale during the Craft Fair on March 30. Proceeds will go toward our church budget. Please help out by baking! Plan to stop in to the Craft Fair. Hours are 10 -3. Even a walk-through will encourage our vendors to come back again.

Save the Dates:

March 7 – Friday Fun Night: Irish Night 5:30 gathering; 6:00 meal – Minute-to-Win-It game to follow

March 17 – LIGHTHOUSE bowling event. Lighthouse kids, friends and family welcome. Signup sheets at your church. HarborHills in Port Washington 11:30 to 1:30 \$5.00 per person includes: shoes, bowling, pizza, soda and St.Patricks day snacks. Show your fun colors of green that day!

March 30 – Craft Fair – Bake sale – 10:00 – 3:00

April 7 – LIGHTHOUSE Spring Into Action meeting

April 12 – Friday Fun Night: Theme to be announce

May 5 – LIGHTHOUSE Cinco de Mayo – tacos

June 2 - VBS

COUNCIL MINUTES

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING
WAS CANCELED THEREFORE THERE ARE NO MINUTES.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS MARCH 12.

SAVE THE DATES!

Lighthouse Upcoming Events!



11:30am to 1:30pm — Lucky Strike Bowling! Bowl like the Irish and get your new high score! Meet you at Harbor Hills in Port.



6pm to 8pm — Spring Into Summer with us as the Youth Group gathers at the Family Activity Center and shares in some renovation projects and dinner.



Cinco de Mayo Mini Golf Outing and a taco bar

June 15

9am to 3pm - Vacation Bible School at Living Hope ELCA in Saukville.



"Wildfire" Summer Camp mission trip.

Pre-registration is required.

Join us for Friday Fun Night!



We invite you to join us the 2nd Friday of every month for a FREE night of games, food and fun!

At 5:30pm we gather for fellowship and at 6pm we all enjoy a potluck dinner together followed by games for all ages to enjoy. If you don't have a dish to pass, don't worry— just bring YOURSELF!

Friday Fun Nights are open to the whole community, not just Parkside members.....

Dates and Themes for 2019:

March 8 — Irish Themed Minute to Win It Games (wear green!)

April 12 — April Fools Fun!

May 10 — Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!

June 14 — Patriotic Flag Day Party!

July 12 — Summer Picnic!

August 9 — Fun at the Fair!

September 13 — Apple Fest with Carmel Apple Bar!

October 11 — Pumpkin Carving & Games!

November 8 — Movie Night with Popcorn & Pizza!

Worship Ministry

FEBRUAY MEETING - 2019

ATTENDING: Pastor Michelle, Joan Brecke, Nancy Gierach

The main focus of this meeting was gathering information on our Lenten Journey and services for holy week.

This year Parkside Community and Living Hope will be joining together during the last five weeks of Lent. We will start with a light soup/salad supper and will be studying and discussing the book "Entering The Passion Of Jesus" – Beginner Guide to Holy Week; Author Amy-Jill Levine.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 3 – Susan & Julia will be conducting the service with their beautiful music and serving communion. They are both ordained.

March 6 — Ash Wednesday at Parkside (each church will be holding their own service). Service will begin at 6:30 P.M. and held in our sanctuary.

March 13 – at Living Hope, 6pm meal and 6:30pm service

March 17 – at Parkside 9 Ladies Dancing will be enhancing our 10:00 a.m. Service.

March 20 - at Living Hope, 6pm meal and 6:30pm service

March 27 – at Living Hope, 6pm meal and 6:30pm service

April 3 – at Parkside, 6pm meal and 6:30pm service

April 10 – at Parkside, 6pm meal and 6:30pm service

April 18 – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 – Parkside Community – Fireside Room

April 21 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @ 7:00 A.M. w/Communion – Lite Easter Breakfast served after (If someone offers to organize, serve, clean up)

Faith Formation Egg Hunt and Faith Formation Discussion @ 8:30 A.M.

Easter 9:30 A.M. Service W/Communion



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR

EASTER SUNDAY

FLOWERS: Ginny Brown has volunteered to take orders for purchase of flower plants that

will be staged in front of church on Easter morning. She will need assistance for the ordering and setting up on Saturday.

EASTER BREAKFAST- volunteer or volunteers are needed to plan, organize, set up the fellowship hall, prepare a lite breakfast to be served after the early service on Easter morning, and clean up.

COMMUNION - volunteer is needed to set up communion on Easter morning for both services and serve during worship.

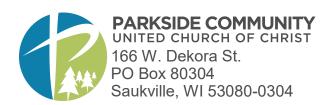
Thank You in Advance, Parkside's Worship Committee



PART OF VERSITI

There will be a Good Friday Blood Drive on Friday, April 19th at Living Hope ELCA from 1pm to 5pm. Click <u>here</u> to schedule an appointment.





Please submit newsletter items to the church at saukvilleucc@att.net by March 25.

for the April 2019 Newsletter.

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