



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blessed Past ➡ Bold Future

July 2019

A Message from Pastor Michelle

Greetings on this Beautiful Summer Day!

I am sitting in my office in the church house writing this letter to you after the completion of my first term as a delegate to General Synod 32, representing the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. I have been immersed in the full activities of the biannual gathering of our beloved denomination. The Wisconsin Conference served as the host and we had a wonderful time at the Wisconsin Center in Downtown Milwaukee over the past few days.

I have been a member of the UCC for 11 years and I have never had the opportunity to attend General Synod. It was such an honor to attend. I found the meeting had many high points but some low points as well. For me, it was like a family reunion. I was able to connect with persons I had not seen since the time I spent living and studying in Berkeley, CA back in 2008-2009. I was also able to connect with many persons from all the parts of my ministerial journey in the UCC.

I want to give you a few highlights of the Synod gathering. We re-elected Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer for a second four year term as our General Minister and President. This election was definitely contentious and he was elected by a very narrow margin over the 60% majority vote required by our by-laws. The Rev. Dr. James Moos has completed his second 4-year term as Associate General Minister of Global Ministries and the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson was elected by an overwhelming majority to be the new officer in the Global Ministry position.

There were a number of resolutions passed, tabled and defeated which I will go more into discussion in next month's newsletter. Please look out for this informative information.

Finally, I want to say, one thing became very clear to me at this General Synod 32. Our Youth had a strong delegation to this Synod. They are our future and they are powerful, passionate, strong and thoughtful. We must lift them up and work with them to make sure we have a strong church for the future.

Enjoy the Beautiful Days of Summer!
With God's Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Michelle

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Present: Mark Gierach, Kathy Tauben, Sue Sarver, Kaitlyn Beck, Pastor Michelle

Pastor Michelle opened with prayer

Addition/correction to the May 21 minutes:

Treasurer report: Motion was made to transfer \$30,000 from the Capital improvement fund to the General fund.

Pastor Report: Jan 2020 Pastor has been asked to speak at Emanuel UCC in Hales Corners. June 23rd pastor will be attending the general synod meeting.

Building and Ground: Replacement of the kitchen exhaust fan if the cost of the fan is more than \$5,000 it would need to be approved by the congregation. Final bill has not been received.

Motion made by Beck, second by Tauben to approve May minutes. Motion passed

Treasurer report- Motion made by Beck, second Tauben to approve May financials.

Council did not review committee reports they will be reviewed in July

Old Business:

Call Agreement – Review of the current Call Agreement –recommendation made for change in the future. Any changes will be reviewed at July meeting for further discussions.

Budget –Review of our current budget expenses and income. Discussion of where we may need to cut in the future. The need to develop a plan for the future of Parkside Community Church. Are there other things that we can do to increase income.

Income through Member contributions, Facility usage YMCA, Kitchen rental etc. Further discussion will be at the July meeting.

Motion made by Beck, second Tauben to adjourn. Motion passed

Thank you to our Parkside Community UCC Leadership Council for keeping us moving forward!

***Thank you to our Parkside Community UCC Leadership Council
for your dedication and time to Parkside Community UCC.***

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

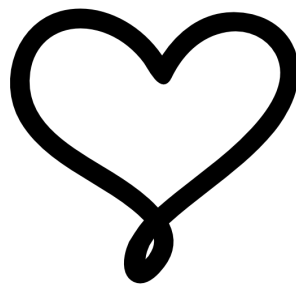
July 7
Matthew, Michelle, Evan,
Brodie, and Hannah Brecke

July 14
Sandy Dickmann

July 21
Betti Salli

July 28
Tom, Heather, Jade, and
Henry Rogge

**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 appreciat-
ed by our prayer
families.**



*Please join us for Holy Communion
Served on Sunday, July 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 request a gluten-free wafer from an usher. They are in a screw-top container on a separate plate.



Sharing God's love

H 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

Thank you cards were sent to:

- Heather Rogge for leading Coffee & Conversation
- Marla Race & Kaitlyn Beck for Children's Faith Formation

Please remember to welcome our visitors and talk with them during coffee fellowship.

Please see Gail if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Team. Our members receive an updated list each month and are asked to pray in their own way for a specific portion of the list.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through Fair Trade, card sales, and recycling!

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

BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER!



Soup Ministry

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



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.

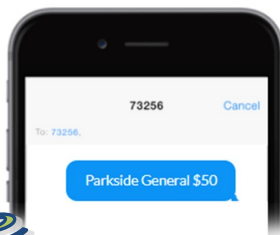
Did you forget to bring your checkbook to service? Is it more convenient for you to use your credit card? Were you not able to make it to service on Sunday? Now you can make your donation from home in your pj's.

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 for you to give this way, please do so!

*Give
Online*



NEW! SCRIP



New Cards Available and New Ordering Procedures!

We have some new cards in stock, including [Petsmart](#), [Great Clips](#), [Caribou Coffee](#), [Dairy Queen](#), [Dick's Sporting Goods](#), [Pap Murphy's](#), [Ulta Beauty](#), and more!

We are placing orders on a twice monthly scheduled basis for any cards not in stock, after the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

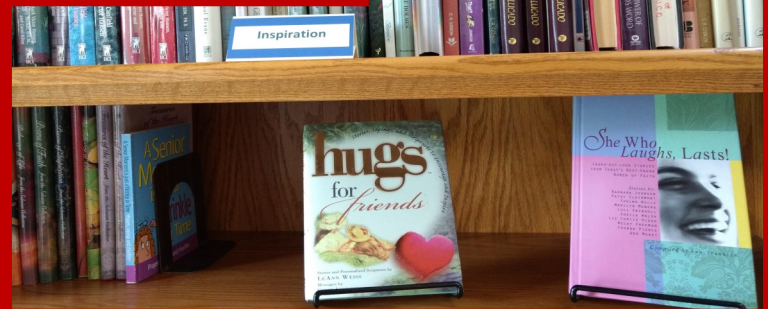
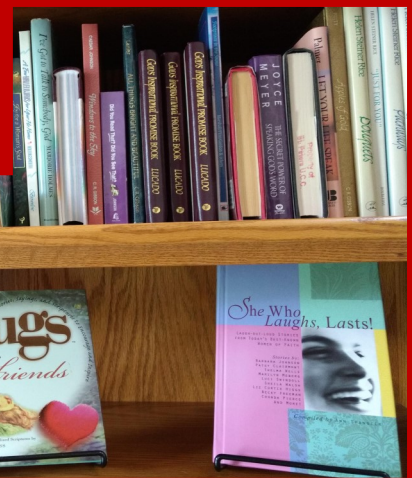
To keep it simple for you, we will be marking these dates on the Parkside church calendar, which you can view [here](#).

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!

Pick up your summer reading!



The adult library is located in the conference room. Stop in and pick up a good read anytime the church is open! We thank Caring Ministries for keeping up the library!

READ

We also are selling these fun 4th of July cards pictured below, why not send someone you love some holiday cheer for just \$4 each? Proceeds go to Caring Ministries.





Mission Meeting

June 11, 2019

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Present Mark G, Sandy D, Kathy T, Pastor Michelle

Thank you to everyone that help host Family Promise the week of May 19th.

Our next date to hose will be the week of September 8, 2019.

Our next Human Trafficking event will be held on Thursday June 27th at 6:00. This was originally scheduled for June 18th but needed to be rescheduled. Our guest speaker will be April Bentley, Director of Rubies. April is a trafficking survivor who started Rubies, a non-profit organization. This group serves girls ages 11 and up. Their main goal is to mentor young at risk ladies in prevention for becoming a victim of human trafficking. There will be a free will offering for the speaker and her organization.

Pastor has reached out to Deacon Steve and they are coordinating dates for July or August.

Future events - August 20th Back to School Fair – fill the bus at Walmart

October 24 Sip & Sample - Family Promise Fundraiser

No Meetings

There was no Faith Formation or Worship Meeting to report for this month.

**GOD LOVES
YOU MORE.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I'm writing to the membership to begin a conversation that needs to take place within the next 4 to 8 weeks through a special congregational meeting. As we all know our church is facing some serious financial decisions as we are currently spending about \$40,000 per year more than we are receiving for income.

For about the past year or so we have been receiving an average of \$700 per month in rent from the YMCA for their after school program and their summer camp programs.

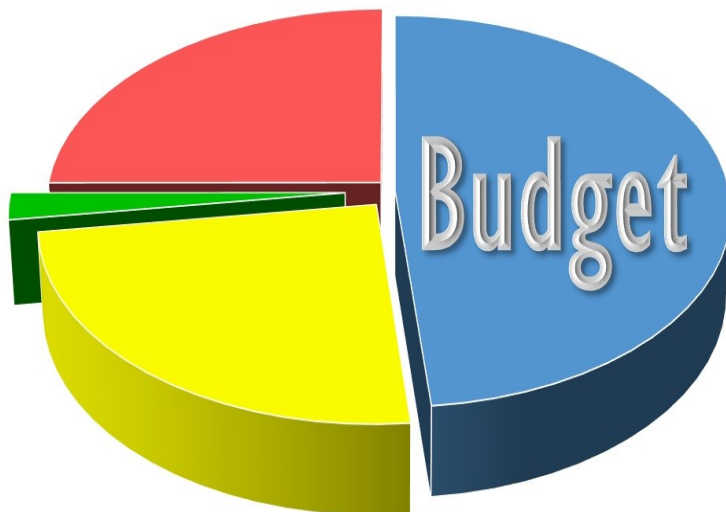
We are at this time working with several other groups that are interested in renting space for their business or programs as well, but these will still not cover the shortages that we are currently seeing.

At the last Council meeting we had a serious discussion on where we might make cuts to our budget to get closer to where we'd like to be. It was honest, open and no items let off the table. The Council with the help of Pastor Michelle have come to the realization that the only place we have left to cut is staff, the other bills are bills we don't have control over, building repairs, utilities, insurance, etc.

As we progress through our discussions, please keep the Council members in your prayers as we deliberate our next moves. We also ask that members refrain from gossip and repeating things they hear when no facts have been made available, those will come in time (facts) and if you are at the meeting that is called you will be one of the first to actually know the facts as they are. Rumors and gossip only make our jobs harder, as we all know when one person tells a story it changes by the time the 3rd or 4th person tells it; and that creates situations where people are coming to us with information that is totally false.

Be patient, the facts will be disclosed as soon as we have recommendations ready for the membership. It's the Christian thing to do, gossip is not.

God's Peace and Grace to all;
Mark Gierach



BUDGETS DUE

NOTICE: 2020 budget proposals are due in to the Council by no later than August 1, 2019 so the council has enough time to discuss our financial status well before our November Congregational meeting. Please send your numbers to Joan Brecke at joanbrecke@gmail.com

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

We welcome two new renters to our fantastic commercial church kitchen! Please welcome Eli and Andria Acosta, from the food truck, "That Taco Guy" and Brad Devorkin and Austin Vetter from Fit Fam MKE meal prep. As mentioned in the letter from our Council President on page 8 of this newsletter, we will continue to pursue opportunities to bring in additional income to help with the general budget expenses and what better way to do that than to utilize our great kitchen?!



You can check out That Taco Guy at thattacoguy.com and be sure to stop in and visit his food truck in the Ozaukee County area (full schedule on the website).



FitFam is a healthy meal prep business. Leave the cooking and nutrition to them, just heat and eat. Learn more on Facebook by typing in fitfammke in the search bar or click [here](#).



MUSIC FILLING CHURCH WITH BEAUTIFUL MELODIES!

Beginning in June, Parkside began sharing our beautiful building with the Tri County New Horizons Community Band. The band meets twice a week for practice. The band was meeting at Living Hope ELCA down the street, but had to find a new space temporarily as Living Hope does some remodeling. In the meantime, we are enjoying the great melodies! For more info on this community band, click [here](#) or go to tc-newhorizonsband.org.



JULY 23 at 6 PM

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

FREE INFORMATIONAL EVENT

Join us at Parkside Community UCC for a presentation by Deacon Steve of the Franciscan Peacemakers Street Ministry as we learn about how we can work together to help fight back against human trafficking crimes.



Deacon Steve Przedpelski grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and lives in West Bend. While working as a manufacturing manager, Deacon Steve entered diaconate formation at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1994.

In 1995, Deacon Steve began his ministry with Franciscan Peacemakers as a volunteer, was named Associate Director in 1999, and assumed the Executive Director position in 2002. Under his leadership the original street ministry outreach and advocacy has expanded with the development of the social enterprise Gifts for the Journey, and the resident-based trauma care facility Clare Community.

In addition to his duties as Executive Director of Franciscan Peacemakers, Deacon Steve is serving in covenant with Three Holy Women Parish on the eastside of Milwaukee and serves on the Urban Ministry team for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Deacon Steve is a professed Secular Franciscan and a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

History of Franciscan Peacemakers

Franciscan Peacemakers Street Ministry started as the dream of two Franciscan Capuchin priests in 1995. Fr. Robert Wheelock, OFM Cap., and Fr. Michael Sullivan, OFM Cap., saw escalating violence in the city of Milwaukee. The words of St. Francis called them to start doing what was necessary and thus began the ministry of Franciscan Peacemakers.

Today the ministry is again evolving and transforming under the leadership of Deacon Steve Przedpelski. In January 2013, Gifts for the Journey was introduced as a social enterprise providing employment and skills training for women in recovery. In January 2014 Clare Community was opened in response to the growing need for resident-based trauma care for women seeking a way out of engaging in prostitution due to trauma, human sex trafficking, or drug addiction. Led by the Holy Spirit, we continue to boldly go forward in faith to do what's necessary. Deacon Steve has been the Executive Director of Franciscan Peacemakers Ministry since October 2001. He served as the Associate Director for Franciscan Peacemakers from 1999 – 2001. Prior to 1999 he served on the Franciscan Peacemakers Board of Directors and has been involved as a volunteer helping on the streets since 1995.





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for the August 2019 Newsletter.

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