



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” - Acts 1:16-17 (NRSV)

They come to church looking so good, wearing crisply pressed shirts, or expertly applied makeup. Their children are dressed in coordinating outfits. Their grandchildren are Fulbright scholars. Their work is successful and satisfying. They haven’t been sick a day in their lives. They seem doubt-free and contented.

We might go to church trying not to look as lame as our bad hip feels. Ignoring the judgmental looks people give our slightly-more-than-whispering kids. Hoping no one asks why our spouse never attends anymore. Avoiding questions about our job (laid off) or our academic prospects (failed) or our spiritual health (doubtful). We wonder if our troubles are safe for worship.

One of Peter’s first acts of leadership was to find a new disciple to replace Judas, who had done something a lot more dastardly than getting a bad score on the SATs or going into rehab. He had betrayed not just Jesus, but the whole community. His gruesome fate as recorded in Acts 1:15-20 is not often considered safe content for worship, but it must have hung over those early gatherings of the faithful.

When we want to hide our struggles, we remember that the church began among hurting people who had to own their pain before they could reorganize themselves and start to spread the good news.

Prayer

Holy One, help us to remember that no matter what pain or loss we bring with us to worship, we are coming to you. You accept us as we are; we are safe with you. Amen.



About the Author

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CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

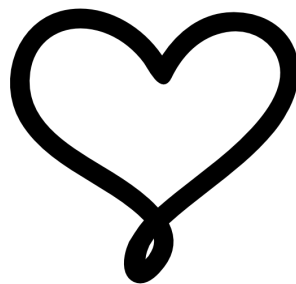
August 4
Dan, Marla, Curtis, and Evan
Race

August 11
Jean Hamilton

August 18
Bernard, Diane, Brittnee, and
Kyle Heimerl

August 25
Sue Sarver

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, August 4
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: Chelene Golownia and the Stewardship Committee for organizing this year's rummage sale.
- 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.





Present: Mark Gierach, Kathy Tauben, Sue Sarver, Kaitlyn Beck, Joan Brecke, Henry Rogge and Pastor Michelle

Pastor Michelle opened with prayer

Presentation by Kelly Lemens – Director of A Place To Be, a spirituality center ([handout](#))

Motion made by Joan Brecke, second by Kaitlyn Beck to approve June minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer report- Invoice has been received for the installation of the new kitchen fan \$5200. Information regarding the cost for the fan installation will go into the newsletter and that the cost to come out of the memorial fund. Motion made by Kaitlyn Beck, second by Henry Rogge to approve June financials. Motion passed. ([handout](#))

Pastor Report – Review of her time at the General Synod she will add to the newsletter, Pastor will be on vacation July 15th returning July 21st. Concerns regarding the parsonage property, in need of up keep.

Council did not review committee reports.

Old Business:

Call Agreement – To be reviewed at August meeting.

2020 Budget – Review of approx expected income and expenses for 5 months. Income including General offering, YMCA, The Taco Guy, Fit Fam & ADRC rents along with contribution from the Food Pantry, rummage sale and vendor show, money drawn from the Trust fund.

Due to financial difficulties and shortage of funds a recommendation to the congregation effective Jan. 1st, 2020 to reduce the pastors hours to quarter time (approx 10-12 hrs/wk). Motion made by Henry Rogge, second by Kaitlyn Beck. Motion passed

Membership letter – a second letter will be sent to those who we did not receive a response.

New Business:

Parsonage property –July 20th yard clean up, working up the beds and seeding with grass. Shrubs are available if members are interested.

A Place To Be – Motion made by Kathy Tauben, second Joan Brecke to continue discussions for a rental contract of the use of the church. Motion passed.

Motion made by Henry Rogge, second Kaitlyn Beck to adjourn. Motion passed

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.

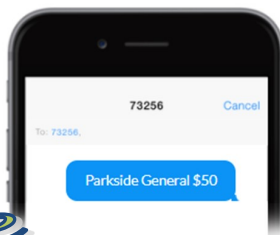
Did you forget to bring your checkbook to service? Is it more convenient for you to use your credit card? Were you not able to make it to service on Sunday? Now you can make your donation from home in your pj's.

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 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!



Mission Meeting

July 9, 2019

Present - Sandy D., Kathy T., Mark G., Pastor M., Joan B.

Discussed upcoming presentation on 7/23 @ 6:00 with Deacon Steve as our speaker.

Family Promise update - Living Hope has joined our group as a support church. Alex Pieper is the Volunteer Coordinator. She has volunteered to be in charge of sign-up for our weeks of hosting Family Promise. We will be trying something new - Sign-up Genie, which is a on-line sign up application. This will give everyone a wider choice of what day and time they can volunteer for as we are no longer assigning specific days to each church. We also chose weeks to host in 2020: 3/1-3/8; 5/3-5/10; 09/20-9/27; and 11/8-11/15.

Sip 'N Sample fund raiser for Family Promise will be held 10/24/19 - Parkside will provide a basket for silent auction.

Next Meeting 8/13.

Faith Formation – July Meeting

Faith Formation: to resume September 8th for all ages

Children: Children will be invited to the lower level following Children's Time during the morning service.

VBS: Great success!

LIGHTHOUSE (Ecumenical Youth Group):

Stay tuned for news...

July 21 – 25: Wildfire Camp Mission Trip

August 7: Chinooks game at Concordia

Adults: Pastor Michelle is planning a book study for summer. TBA

Libraries:

Children's – This library gets good use from the YMCA program.

Adult – Feel free to browse and check out books and materials. Human Trafficking books and DVD added.

Friday Fun Nights: Gathering is at 5:30 with a potluck at 6:00. Games and activities follow. Join in the fun! Bring a friend or two or even more.

Obituary for Former Pastor Rev. Don Ellerman



Reverend Donald Edgar Ellerman was called home in the early morning hours of July 9, 2019. He was born in Quincy, IL on April 17, 1951 to Elmo Arthur and Marjorie Dean (McNay) Ellerman. He graduated from Quincy Senior High School before enlisting in the United States Air Force on December 3, 1969 and honorably discharged July 3, 1973. He was stationed in Texas, Mississippi, Taiwan, and Italy.

He met the love of his life, Gladys E. (Leason) Ellerman when she was backpacking through Europe while he was stationed in Italy. They were married after a whirlwind romance on September 12, 1972 in the mayor's office in Bindi, Italy and then had a ceremony with family and friends on September 26, 1972 at the San Vito Air Station Chapel. They were blessed with three amazing daughters, Kristy (Shawn) Runge of St. Louis, MO, Susan (Theodore decd. 2018) Leung of Gurnee, IL, and Sarah (Matthew) Sund of Madison, WI.

After working 9 years with the United States Postal Service, Don answered God's call and began his ministry as a faithful servant. He graduated from John Woods Community College with an associate degree in accounting in 1979. After receiving his Bachelor of Theology from Quincy College in 1982, moved with his family to Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO where he obtained his Masters of Divinity in 1985 and was ordained in the United Church of Christ. During his ministry he served four churches, Southminster Presbyterian Church in Crestwood, MO (1983-1985), Immanuel United Church of Christ in Latimer, IA (1985-1993), Calvary Memorial United Church of Christ in Wauwatosa, WI (1993- 2001), and St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Saukville, WI (2002-2011). When Don and Gladys retired they moved to Fairhaven Senior Services, a retirement community in Whitewater, WI. He also served on the WI Conference Board of Directors and represented Fairhaven at the CHHSM (Council for Health and Human Services Ministries).

Don loved his 9 grandchildren, Corbin, Ashlyn, Gavin, & Adilyn Runge; Abigail, Justin, & Emma Leung, and Isaac & Ellie Sund. He was an avid biker and taught all 9 of his grandchildren how to ride. He missed his lifetime goal of 100,000 miles, by only reaching 93,047 miles in 22 years. He also loved camping, tree trimming with his chain saws, gardening, and farming.

He is preceded in death by his son-in-law, Theodore W. Leung; sister, Constance J. (Ellerman) Mayfield; brothers, William E. & Richard E. Ellerman, and both his parents Elmo & Marjorie Ellerman.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys, of 46 years; 3 daughters - Kristy, Susan, & Sarah; 2 son-in-laws – Shawn & Matthew; 9 grandchildren; sister, Mary Jane Ellerman; uncle, Robert (Doc) Ellerman and nieces & nephews.

In lieu of flowers, we request memorials to the following organization: Fairhaven Foundation c/o Fairhaven Senior Services 435 W. Starin Rd. Whitewater, WI 53190 The visitation and memorial service will be July 20, 2019 at: Middleton Community Church – United Church of Christ (UCC) 645 Schewe Rd Middleton, WI 53562 (608) 831-4694



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Please submit newsletter items to the church at
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for the August 2019 Newsletter.

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