



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blessed Past ➡ Bold Future

October 2019

Greetings on this Beautiful Summer Day on the Second Official Day of Fall/Autumn!

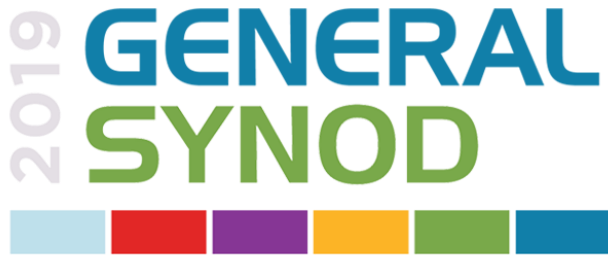
In June, I attended the 32nd Gathering of the UCC General Synod which was held in Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Center. The General Synod of the UCC is held every two years to conduct the business of the United Church of Christ. The location rotates between our conferences around the country. The Wisconsin UCC Conference was the host for the gathering this summer. I was honored to be a delegate representing the Wisconsin Conference. During Synod, I had a wonderful opportunity to attend numerous voting plenaries on the floor. Here is a summary:



- Resolution 1 – A Resolution to Abolish the Growth and Existence of Private Prisons
- Resolution 2 – A Resolution on Ecumenical Relationship with Iglesia Evangelica Unida De Puerto Rico and Reaffirming the UCC's commitment to interreligious relations, & deploring religious bigotry
- Resolution 3 – Addressing the estate of global forced migration
- Resolution 4 – Establishing an action team to conduct a listening campaign and bring recommendations on the future of Christian witness at General Synod
- Resolution 5 – Resolution regarding the use of plastic foam (Styrofoam) and support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019
- Resolution 6 – Denouncing acts of violence, hatred, and racism carried out in the name of Neo-nazi and White Supremacist Ideologies
- Resolution 7 – Designating the Mental Health Network of the UCC as a Historically Underrepresented Group and this same designation for the Latinx community
- Resolution 8 – Stewardship of Exhibit Space as a Mission of Justice
- Resolution 9 – Supporting survivors of sexual violence through Breaking the Silence Sunday
- Resolution 10- Calling on the US to “pull back from the brink” and prevent nuclear war
- Resolution 11 – Establishment of the Definition of the Basic Unit of Life and organization of UCC
- Resolution 12- Resolution to bring Non-Binary Gender Language to the UCC Bylaws
- Resolution 13-Resolution to the oversight and covenantal agreement between local churches as autonomous with the UCC
- Resolution 14 – Resolution of local churches to adopt “Jesus Said, Follow Me”
- Resolution 15 – Declaring support for the Green New Deal and the Affirmation that Climate Justice intersects with all justice issues

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Each of these resolutions had committees that worked on exploring the language of the original resolutions which come from our conferences. As a delegate, I was assigned to committee 1 which talked about private prison reform. Our resolution passed overwhelmingly. Most of the resolutions passed with no huge problems on the floor. The most contentious resolutions was Resolution 8 and Resolution 6. The language was changed in committee on both of these issues and ended up being referred to the General Board of the UCC for further discussion and agreement. Resolution 8 addressed the issue of the “Faithful and Welcoming” movement within the UCC which state that they welcome all people but believe that LGBTQia persons are not conforming to the laws of God and do not affirm their identities and oppose the UCC continuing to have an affirmation of the LGBTQia community as a denominational stance. The Faithful and Welcoming Congregations wanted to have exhibit space in the exhibit hall. Many were opposed to it because of their beliefs. As a member of the LGBTQia community, I don’t agree with the Faithful and Welcoming Congregations stance on my our identities but a hallmark of the UCC is that we all are able to express our opinions as local congregations and we will not always agree on our positions. The UCC is known as a welcoming denomination around the globe and for many people who have not received affirmation and love in other mainstream denominations, they find a home in the UCC. We cannot censure people’s opinions and thoughts. I felt they should be allowed to have their space. If the majority of the persons attending the Synod gathering do not visit their booth, then they would get the message that not everyone holds their beliefs. They should be allowed to express themselves as freely as others. This is the way of the UCC. A more detailed listing of the resolutions can be found at: www.ucc everywhere.org/synod/

In addition, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer was up for re-election as the General Minister and President of the UCC. He received a second term of 4 years by a vote of a little over 60% of the vote which is the minimum requirement for election. His election was controversial and contentious on the floor. He alienated a number of persons especially women when he said in his nomination speech before the election that “he felt it was past time for the UCC to have a Female General Minister and President but the Holy Spirit told him, he needed to run again”. There was also problems with the “clickers” the delegates used to vote for the various resolutions and elections. Prayer was offered after the election but many left the floor with ambivalent and bitter feelings.

Overall, I really enjoyed attending the General Synod as a delegate for our conference. It was the first time I had ever attended Synod. It was very informative for me. I learned more about the denomination of which I hold my ordained ministerial standing. The happiest thing about my attendance was I got to connect with people from all phases of my eleven year journey as a member of the UCC. I even was able to see persons from my life and time in Berkeley, CA as a student at the UCC-affiliated Pacific School of Religion. It was such a joy and honor. I also got to meet and talk with our new Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Lorraine Cenicerros who supports the SW Association and was hired to assume the position formerly occupied by retiring Minister Rev. Joanne Thomson.

May you enjoy the beauty of God’s creation as we enter the Fall Season in SE Wisconsin!

With God’s Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Michelle



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

Pastor Michelle opened with prayer.

Motion made by Joan Brecke, second by Henry Rogge to approve August minutes and Mission collection through October 31, 2019 to go into the Parsonage Account also the rent received by Place To Be until the \$3,500 replaced. Motion passed.

Treasurer report- Motion made by Kaitlyn Becke , second by Henry Rogge to approve August financials. Motion passed. For a complete report from the Treasurer, click [here](#).

Pastor Report – Bible study Wednesday starting 9/18 at 6:30pm, Pastor Report from the General Synod will be in the October newsletter.

Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- Meeting Thursday further discussion regarding Faith Formation during the church service after children's sermon.

Stewardship-Meeting in Sept. 9, Use of the pledge cards further discussion as to the campaign kick off date. 2019 Rummage brought in \$1,000 more than 2018.

Worship- No meeting

Building & Grounds- Awaiting steeple bids, Church house projects. Repair/replace projector in sanctuary.

Caring-Cards and visits continue.

Missions-Hosting Family Promise, Human trafficking presentation in October Pastor to contact April from Rubies.

Old Business:

Final review of the membership list

Call Agreement for half time pastor

New Business:

Review of 2020 budget will be done at October meeting.

November Congregational meeting –date to decided.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR TIME & EFFORTS!

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

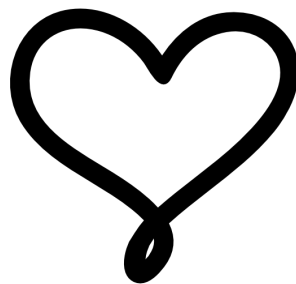
October 6
Elizabeth Feith

October 13
Ginny & Jim Brown

October 20
Kaitlyn Beck

October 27
Steve, Lynn, and Abbey Beck

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, October 6
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.

Prayer Chain Information

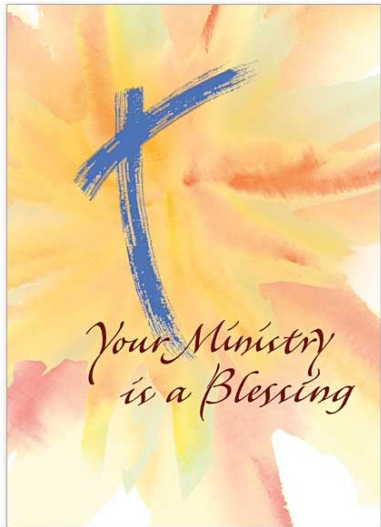


To call in a prayer request
Please notify
Jean Hamilton
262-284-3734
hamiltonjm@yahoo.com
or
Gail Weigel
dweigel@wi.rr.com

CARD MINISTRY HELP NEEDED

Caring Ministries is seeking a person/
persons who would be interested in writing
a few cards each month.

No meetings are involved and the cards and
stamps are provided. If you would like to be
more involved
in our church
but do not
have the time
for or cannot
attend meet-
ings, this would
be a great mis-
sion. See Gail
for more infor-
mation.



*Be a blessing
to someone!*

CARING MINISTRIES

- Please remember to welcome our visitors and talk with them during coffee fellowship.
- Thank you notes were sent to Jane Elbe for her card ministry work and to our Church Council for the work done to increase our financial stability.
- 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.



Jump on
opportunities to
do small acts of
kindness.

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.

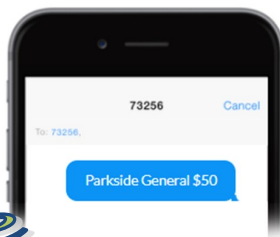
Did you forget to bring your checkbook to service? Is it more convenient for you to use your credit card? Were you not able to make it to service on Sunday? Now you can make your donation from home in your pj's.

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*



GIVE SCRIP



Only 93 days until Christmas! We have great Christmas gift cards in stock, including [Amazon](#), [PetSmart](#), [Home Depot](#), [Starbucks](#), [Dairy Queen](#), [Dick's Sporting Goods](#), [Bath & Body Works](#), [Ulta Beauty](#), and more!

If there is something special you are looking for, just check the list by the church office, fill out an order form and we will have the card for you in a week or two.

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

down the stairs and across the world



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Mission Committee Meeting 9/10/19

Discussed Family Promise - the 4 Volunteer Coordinators will be meeting after this week to evaluate the new Sign Up Genius we used.

Monthly Missions - beginning 9/15 - and ending 10/27 we have changed our Monthly Mission to Church House. We are trying to replenish this account. November Mission will be Rubies, and December will be the Christmas Fund. In November we will be setting Missions for 2020.

Human Trafficking - sent a follow-up e-mail to Det. Amy Steger regarding speaking at our church - have not had a response. Will keep trying. Pastor Michelle will be contacting April from Rubies to see if she would be able to speak at Parkside in October. Hoping that Det. Steger will also join us.

Grace Along the Way



Can you believe it has been one year ago already that we celebrated our 150th anniversary on October 28, 2018?! Take a peek back in time at this picture of Pastor Franz, our WI Conference Associate Minister, leading us in our worship service with his sermon, "Grace Along the Way."

Lakeland University Ulrich Center invites you to the

MISSION HOUSE LECTURE

Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence

TUESDAY, OCT. 8, 2019 • 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Lakeland University Campus, Bradley Fine Arts Theatre

Gun violence is a public health crisis. It is also a spiritual and moral crisis. More Americans have died from guns in the US in the last 50 years than in all the wars in American history. America also has the most annual gun deaths--homicide, suicide, and accidental gun deaths--at 105 per day, or more than 38,000 per year.

Some people say it's a heart problem. Others say it's a gun problem. We say it's both. God changes hearts, but people change laws. The biblical prophets Micah and Isaiah imagine a world where God's people beat their swords into plows and their spears into pruning hooks... transforming the tools of death into tools of life, building a world free of violence.



*Shane Claiborne is a prominent speaker, activist and best-selling author. Shane worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, founded The Simple Way in Philadelphia and together with his friend Tony Campolo, heads up Red Letter Christians, a movement of folks who are committed to living "as if Jesus meant the things he said." Shane's latest book, *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence*, provides a provocative look at gun violence in America and shows why Christians should be concerned about gun violence and how they can be part of the solution.*

Luncheon Invitation for Conversation with Shane Claiborne

You are invited to join us for a luncheon immediately following the lecture. Shane will answer questions about his program. The lunch will be held in the Laun Center, Room 209.

*Luncheon cost is \$10 per person, and **reservations are required by Tuesday, Oct. 1.***

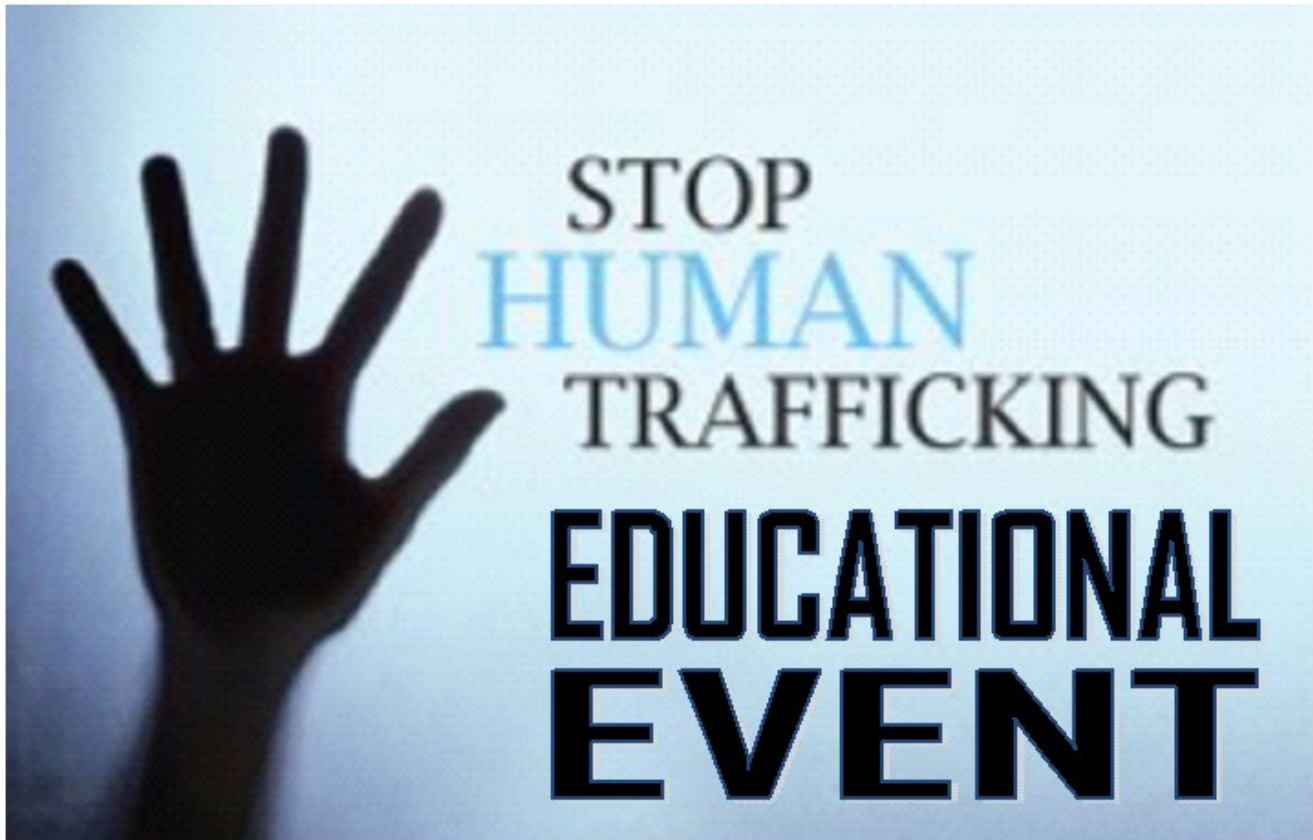
Please register online at Lakeland.edu/ulrichcenter

or contact Linda Bosman at bosmanlr@lakeland.edu or 920-565-1023 ext. 2151.



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 6 PM
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166 W. DEKORA STREET (HWY 33)



April Bentley will be speaking, she is the leader of R.U.B.I.E.S., a non-profit organization that educates girls on the danger and trauma associated with sex trafficking. Bentley is a human trafficking survivor and will share her story of survival. A free-will offering will be collected.



A Message from Stewardship

“Because of you our church changes lives” will be the stewardship theme for the next couple of years.

At our September 9 meeting, a final report of the rummage sale was made. Total earned with \$2,676.20 Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. We couldn't have done this without cooperation from many people and we appreciate your time.

Kathy P. and Chelene participated in a webinar in August regarding Stewardship! One of the new suggestions which we haven't tried before is Testimonials. If anyone would be willing to give a brief testimonial on a Sunday in October, please let Chelene know. Focus can be on what this church has done for you; why you want to pledge and why should you pledge! Also, a bit of encouragement to the rest of us would be helpful.

If you are Fall cleaning, please remember the June rummage sale!! Thank you. Next Stewardship meeting will be held on Monday, October 7 at 6pm.

Joan B., Kathy P., Bill B., Chelene G.





Faith formation

Faith Formation – September Meeting

Faith Formation: Classes resumed September 8th for all ages

Children: Children are invited to the Lower Level following Children's Time during the morning service. Teachers are Marla Race and Kaitlyn Beck. The theme this session is Prayers.

Coffee and Conversation: 9:00 AM in the Conference Room, led by Heather Rogge.

LIGHTHOUSE (Ecumenical Youth Group):

Chloe Paul was hired! Pastor Kelly Anderson will be the Group Program Director.

Open House was held on September 15th.

Programming will be announced shortly.

Adults: New Testament Bible study resumed in September, led by Pastor Michelle.

Libraries: Children's – This Lower Level library gets good use from the YMCA program.

Adult – Feel free to browse and check out books and materials. Located in the Council Room.

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. It's a LOT of fun.

Save the Dates:

October 11 – Friday Fun Night: Pumpkin carving

October 27 – Bake Sale to benefit the Heifer Project

November 8 – Friday Fun Night: Movie Night with popcorn and pizza

December 13 – White Elephant Gift Exchange



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for the **November 2019 Newsletter.**

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