



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blessed Past ➡ Bold Future

December 2019

A Message from our Council President

As I move from one busy day to another during this time of year, one of my goals each week is to look for short readings that hopefully give me something to focus on that brings me to a calmer place in life; even if only for a moment or two. I found this passage online and it helps me think of when all of the busyness of life is around us we all need to slow down a bit and take joy in the small things around us. I hope it does the same for you.

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Have a Blessed Advent season.

Mark Gierach



Underground Movements
by Tom McGrath

I worked a landscape job back in college and it taught me a lot about nature. Toward the end of the summer season we planted bulbs—tulips, daffodils, and irises. I went and visited my boss on a cold gray December day and recalled the blazing hot day he had us out planting those bulbs. “Oh yes,” he said. “Those bulbs are very busy now. You can’t see anything above ground, but beneath it all, next Spring’s growth is already beginning. The bulbs are storing up energy and setting forth little tendrils. Even on the darkest, coldest day, something important is happening deep beneath the surface.”

In Advent, I think of all the bulbs and roots beneath the earth’s surface. It’s a time of seeming dormancy. But looked at in a different light, in the midst of death, new life has already begun. Slow down this Advent. Honor the season inside you. Take naps. Read long novels. Daydream. Welcome grace. Eat hearty soup and stare out the window at the skeletal trees. A lot is happening out there. A lot is happening in you. Trust like Mary, who said, “Let it be done to me according to thy word.” Guys may have a hard time with that language, but that’s a major lesson of nature. Let it be.



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

Mark Gierach opened with prayer

Kaitlyn Becke has accepted the position as Vice President and conducted tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Joan Brecke, second by Mark Gierach to approve October minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer report- Motion made by Kathy Tauben, second by Henry Rogge to approve October financials. Motion passed. Click [here](#) to view reports.

Pastor Report – Pastor Excused

Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- No meeting in October, meeting Thursday Nov. 14. Lighthouse Youth Ministry looking to add music program.

Stewardship- Stewardship skits continuing during church, still accepting pledge cards for 2020 giving.

Worship- Contact to Heather regarding Christmas service. Continue discussion regarding 2020 church services.

Building & Grounds- Mark G will work with Bill K, while Wally is recovering from surgery.

Caring-Please see newsletter

Missions-Nov. 19th Human trafficking presentation Lt. DeMaine Oz. Co. sheriff Dept. set the mission list for 2020.

Old Business:

Review and approve 2020 Budget to be presented at Nov. 14 annual congregational meeting. Looking to fill position on council, Thank you Henry for serving on the council.

New Business:

2020 Church services, Council has already met with Pastor Franz to discuss directions that we may take. We are looking to start the process right away in looking to fill the Pastor's position.

Looking to use pulpit supply for the first 90 days. We have received commitments from Pastor Julie and Susan regarding church service and music.

Motion made by Kathy Tauben, second by Mark Gierach to adjourn. Motion passed
Close with the Lord's Prayer



Meeting called to order: Mark Gierach – reading of “Infinite Possibilities”

Approval of the Congregational Meeting held on 8/19/19 will be presented at the next meeting.

Treasurer report: 2020 Budget

Building and Grounds -Discussion regarding repair to the steeple – Approx \$10,000 to repair, not included in the budget, noted that it would be paid out of the Maintenance Trust Fund. Looking to replace the bushes in front of the moat with a maintenance free fencing.

Faith Formation- Correction to the 2019 budget it was budgeted for \$5,000, for the youth group named Lighthouse Youth Ministry. Motion made by Heather Rogge to budget \$5,000 for 2019 and 2020 for the Lighthouse Youth Ministry second by Wall Quade.

On 8/19/19 it was voted in 2020 for a ½ time Pastor.

Motion to accept the 2020 budget by Gail Weigel, second by Chelene Golownia. Motion passed

Election to replace Henry Rogge on church council – Thank you Henry for your time served Joan Brecke nominated Heather Rogge. Heather accepted motion passed.

Report from the church council status of Pastoral position: Council has met with Pastor Franz, intention is to begin the search process next month, first 90 days using pulpit supply.

New Business

Suggestion by Heather being that the church is used by so many what about communities fund drive ex: Go fund me etc. to pay for the steeple repair.

January 1, 2020 Food Pantry will pay \$300 per month to Parkside Community.

Comments for the good of the church:

Had the council reached out to Pastor Craig –yes, however at this time he was unable to commit due to his schedule.

It was noted that The Place To Be was suggested by Pastor Michelle.

Parsonage: Will see if any cleaning or painting is needed. Used by pastor or non-profit.

Motion made by Sandy Dickmann, second by Wally Quade to adjourn. Motion passed

Closed with the Lords Prayer

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

December 1
Bill and Gloria Meloy

December 8
Bonnie Dollert

December 15
Dick and Judy Schoenfeldt

December 22
Carrie, Todd, Sawyer, Reid,
and Lauren Rydzewski

December 29
Wally and Kathy Quade

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, December 1 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.



Prayer Request Box

A Place to Be will be placing a Prayer Request Box in the Fire-side Room. Anyone is welcome to put a request in this box. All requests will be confidential and unread, and A Place to Be, as well as our Parkside Prayer Team, will be saying a generic prayer for the requests.

Know that our Parkside Prayer Team will continue to maintain our own Prayer List for specific prayers. You are always encouraged to call on the Parkside Prayer Team for your prayer concerns: Jean Hamilton 262-284-3734 or email Jean at hamiltonjm@yahoo.com or Gail Weigel at dweigel@wi.rr.com .

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

Upcoming Hospital Stay?

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

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

A thank you note was sent to Nancy Gierach for her flexibility cleaning with much additional activity in the building.



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.

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.

HOW TO HELP A LOVED ONE GRIEVE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

An excerpt from thecalmofhispresence.com

- ◇ Pray: Prayer is the foundation needed to help your loved one. John 14:27 and Philippians 4:7
- ◇ Grant Grace: Hebrews 4:16 and Colossians 4:6
- ◇ Give Permission to Grieve
- ◇ Build New Traditions
- ◇ Give Unconditional Love and a Listening Ear— Assure them that you will always love them and be an ear to listen and a shoulder to cry on when needed.





LIGHTHOUSE

YOUTH MINISTRY

DECEMBER

Youth Group/ Sundays 4-6pm

Friends, Food, Fun, & Faith!

@ Lighthouse HQ (505 W Grand Ave. Port Washington)

5th—12th graders invited (*NOTE: Middle & High School meet separately*)

Light Dinner Included , No RSVP Needed

Teen Cafe Wednesdays 3-5:30pm

@ Lighthouse HQ (Grand Ave. Port Washington)

5th—12th graders invited, no RSVP needed

Relaxed time for homework, table games, snacks

Wednesdays December 4, 11, and 18

Music Group/ First Wednesdays 6-7pm

@ Lighthouse HQ (Grand Ave. Port Washington)

5th—12th graders with music experience (singing or instrumental)

**RSVP to Chloe via chloe.paul@lighthouseyouth.org

Visit <https://lighthouseyouth.org/> for more information



Giving Tuesday December 3

Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction, and Music from 5-8pm (final bids end at 7pm)

Join the entire community to raise \$25,000 in one night—to furnish and decorate the newly renovated Lighthouse Headquarters!

Suggested Donation: \$20/person or \$50/ family

More information available: <https://lighthouseyouth.org/givingtuesday2019>

Christmas Party: Tubing @ Sunburst!



Sunday December 15, 1-3pm

5th—12th grade youth invited to join us at Sunburst Winter Sports Park (Kewaskum) for outdoor fun. Cost: \$20/person

RSVP by Sun Dec 8 to Kelly.nieman-anderson@lighthouseyouth.org

Save the Date: Youth Quake RSVP due JAN 12

Lighthouse is attending QUAKE 2020 in Wisconsin Dells March 27-29. This is a retreat designed for Christian youth!

Registration is \$250 per person, all inclusive. More information available at Youth Group or by request.

QUAKE
YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

MISSIONS

down the stairs and across the world



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY
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MINUTES OF MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING 11/12/19

Present: Sandy Dickmann, Kathy Tauben, Joan Brecke

Discussion was held about our week of hosting Family Promise. Next week of hosting is the week of March 1st.

Reminder that we will be hosting Lt. Milbach on Tues., November 19th @ 6:00 pm for program on Human Trafficking in Ozaukee County.

WCATA - next meeting 11/26 @ 6:30 Hartford Memorial Library.

Set Mission List for 2020:

January	Food Pantry
February	Family Promise
March	One Great Hour of Sharing
April	Redeem & Restore
May	Strengthen the Church
June	UCC Camps
July	Food Pantry
August	OCWM
September	Advocates of Ozaukee County
October	Neighbors In Need
November	R.U.B.I.E.S.
December	Christmas Fund

We will not be having a meeting in December, next meeting is 1/14/20.

Faith formation

Faith Formation – November Meeting

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 for December will be Advent and Christmas. The Hat and Mitten Tree will be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for children in need.

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

LIGHTHOUSE (Ecumenical Youth Group):

So much is happening at Lighthouse! Check out the website: lighthouseyouth.org and the [Facebook page](#). A Youth Meeting is held two Sundays a month, Teen Café is open most Wednesdays after school providing a safe place for homework, TV, talking, music, and snacks. A Giving Tuesday fundraising event will be held on December 3 with a spaghetti meal and silent auction. Each church will donate six baskets for the silent action. Bakers don't forget your baked goodies for dessert. Drop off at Grand Ave Methodist church Monday night 6:00-8:00 or Tuesday 1:00-3:00. A January 17th Lock-In is planned with the high school students at Living Hope, and the middle school students at Parkside. A Place to Be is planning a February event. For more information, see Marla Race or Heather Rogge.

Adults: New Testament Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM.

An All-Church Christmas Program is being planning for December 22 during morning worship service. Heather Rogge will once again develop a full program for all ages.

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:

December 3 – 5:00 PM Giving Tuesday Fundraiser at Lighthouse; Spaghetti Supper; Silent Auction
December 4 – 3:00 PM Teen Café at Lighthouse
December 8 – 4:00 PM Youth Group meeting at Lighthouse
December 11 – 3:00 Teen Café at Lighthouse
December 13 – 5:30 Friday Fun Night: White Elephant Gift Exchange
December 15 – Tubing at Sunburst
December 18 – 3:00 Teen Café at Lighthouse
December 22 – Christmas Program during service
January 10 – 5:30 Friday Fun Night
January 17 – 8:00 PM Lock-in (Parkside – Middle School, Living Hope – High School)

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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.

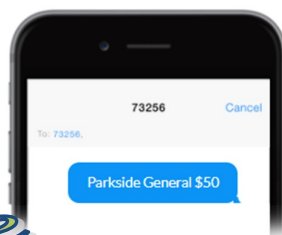
Did you forget to bring your checkbook to service? Is it more convenient for you to use your credit card? Were you not able to make it to service on Sunday? Now you can make your donation from home in your pj's.

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*



GIVE SCRIP



December 5th and December 6th only, receive bonus rebates when you order physical scrip cards online at [shopwithscrip.com](#) and enter enrollment code: 644FL18L11748 . When purchasing online during these 2 days only, all credit card fees will be waived.

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!



Just over one hundred Christians of various denominations gathered for the November 26 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service hosted by 5 area churches and A Place to Be. It was a beautiful service of gratefulness. A pie feast was served following the service.



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for the January 2020 Newsletter.

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