



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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February 2020

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<https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/bioy/commentary/934>

## HOW TO COPE WITH THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE

President John F. Kennedy, in his speech accepting the Democratic nomination in Los Angeles (on 15 July 1960) said, 'We stand today on the edge of a new frontier ... but the new frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises – it is a set of challenges. It sums up not what I intend to offer the American people, but what I intend to ask of them.'

Life is a set of challenges, problems and hassles. We sometimes imagine that if we could just deal with the immediate challenge that we are facing, all our problems would be over. But life is not like that. If we resolve one problem, others are just around the corner.

The temptation is to see these challenges as preventing us from carrying out the ministry God has given us. In actual fact, dealing with the problems is the ministry. As one former Bishop of Kensington put it: 'These are not the problems associated with the ministry, they are the ministry.'

The Bible is true to life. The psalmist faced pain and distress. Paul faced false accusation and the frustration of being kept in prison on trumped up charges. The kings in the Old Testament faced battles and a massive building project challenge.

As I read the passages for today, I'm reminded that the relatively minor challenges, problems and hassles I face are nothing compared to what the people of God have faced in the past, and still face around the world today.

1. Talk to God about the problems: Are you in a time of testing? God sometimes allows us to be tested, as he allowed his people to be tested by the waters of Meribah (v.7, see Numbers 20). But he does not want you to face the tests and challenges of life alone. You can talk to him about your problems.
2. Trust that God is in control: Faith means trusting God. 'Faith', as C.S. Lewis wrote, 'is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods.' It is hard to trust God when everything seems to be going wrong.
3. Take the opportunities that God gives you: ...today God's temple is no longer primarily a physical building but the people of God. Our money and effort should go into building up the people of God – in number (evangelism), in maturity (discipleship) and in care for the community (social transformation). As well as the challenge of buildings, the people of God faced the challenge of battles. In particular, in this passage we see how they had to face Aram. Elisha says to the king of Israel, 'Get a bow and some arrows ... Take the arrows ... Strike the ground' (13:15–18). The king 'struck it three times and stopped' (v.18c). Elisha said, 'You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times' (v.19).



I remember reading these verses in 1999 after we had done the first Alpha initiative in 1998, inviting the nation to Alpha to hear the good news about Jesus. We were wondering whether to do a second initiative or wait another year or so. I sensed as I read these verses that we should keep on striking the ground again and again.

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FINANCIAL *Peace*  
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# DEBT IS A THIEF! TAKE BACK *Your life!*

**Has debt robbed your freedom  
and stolen your joy? Battle back!**

Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to beat debt and build wealth with the most powerful tool there is . . . your income.

**Begins Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Donation: \$15 (does not include Toolkit)**

**Facilitator: Kelly Lemens**

**Tool kit suggested but not required.**

**Check it out at <https://fpu.com>**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER  
OR EMAIL KELLY LEMENS AT [LEMENSK@PLACETOBESC.ORG](mailto:LEMENSK@PLACETOBESC.ORG)**



Present: Mark Gierach, Heather Rogge, Sue Sarver, Joan Brecke, Kaitlyn Beck

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

Treasurer report- Motion made by Kaitlyn Beck, second by Sue Sarver to approve December financials. Motion passed.

Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- Refer to Newsletter

Stewardship- No meeting held

Worship- continuing to fill pulpit supply through the month of March

Building & Grounds- looking for quotes on replacing four thermostats.

Caring-Prayer list continue to be distributed monthly

Missions-No meeting held in December, however the missions list for 2020 complete.

Old Business:

Church Steeple –Heather will confirm with Wally Q. as to approx. cost for repairs. Heather also will be looking into setting up a Go Fund Me to help generate funds.

New Business:

Church House- Church house clean up will be needed and will continue additional conversations as to the use of it in the future.

Motion was made by Heather Rogge to eliminate the written 2019 Annual report, second by Kaitlyn Beck. Motion passed.

There will be no Annual Congregational meeting on February 23rd, however there is a Visionary meeting scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00.

Meeting adjourned



Beginning this Spring, The Department of Transportation will begin a road construction project on Highway 33 and County Highway O, removing and replacing pavement at loop detector locations and updating signing and pavement marking. We might experience a little traffic congestion and/or lane closures — but Parkside will remain open and accessible and we will be here ready to welcome all our visitors!

# CARING MINISTRIES



# PRAYER

*changes things*

## Prayer Families for the Month:

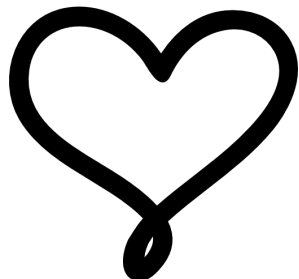
February 2  
Bill and Donna Ballbach

February 9  
Layla Brock

February 16  
Karen Welton

February 23  
Steve and Kris Schmit

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, February 2  
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.



**ORGANIC FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE BARS  
\$4 EACH**

## 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 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.*



## Parkside's 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.

## CARING MINISTRIES

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

Thank you notes were sent to Henry Rogge for serving on the Church Council and to Heather for agreeing to serve on the Council.

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. Fair Trade items and handmade occasion cards are located on the shelf next to the office and are available for sale. The chocolate is delicious!

## **SUPPORT CARING MINISTRIES!**



**HANDMADE  
VALENTINE'S CARDS  
\$4 EACH  
FOR SALE IN THE  
FIRESIDE ROOM**



# LIGHTHOUSE

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

# FEBRUARY

### **Youth Group/ Sundays Feb 9 & 23**

**NEW: Middle School 4-5:30/ High School 5-6:30**

@ Lighthouse HQ (513 W Grand Ave. Port Washington)

Light Dinner Included (all ages @ 5pm)

Fun, Food, Friends, and Faith! No RSVP Needed

### **Music Group Wednesdays 6-7pm**

**February 5, 12, 19** (not meeting Feb 26)

@ Lighthouse HQ (513 Grand Ave. Port Washington)

5th-12th graders invited, no RSVP needed

Bring music equipment or come to listen!

### **Lock-In Fri Feb 14, 8pm—Sat Feb 15, 8am**

@ Parkside Community UCC, Saukville. Bring sleeping bag & snack to share!

5th—12th graders invited; RSVP by Sun Jan 9 [chloe.paul@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:chloe.paul@lighthouseyouth.org)

### **Super Bowl Party Sun Feb 2, 5-8pm**

@ Lighthouse HQ (513 Grand Ave. Port Washington)

5th-12th graders invited\*\* Bring Snack & Game to share

No RSVP needed

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



## Super Bowl Party Sun Feb 2, 5-8pm!



**@ Lighthouse HQ** (513 W Grand Ave Port Washington)

Bring a snack to share, and join us at Lighthouse HQ to enjoy the game (or the commercials!)

\* If you're not a Football person, bring a board game to share!

## Lock-in Fri Feb 14 (8pm) to Sat Feb 15 (8am)

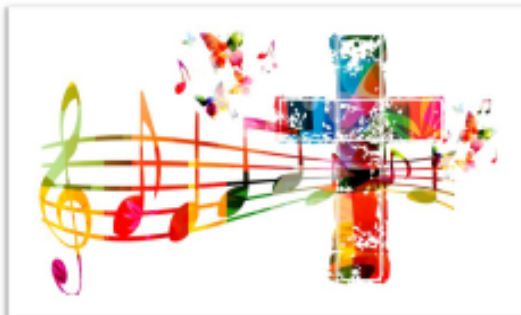
**Parkside Community UCC Saukville**  
**166 W Dekora (Downtown by the Park)**

Middle and High School youth & friends are invited to join us—please RSVP by Sun Feb 9

*No cost—bring sleeping bag, snacks to share!*



## Music Group/ Lent Schedule



**Wed Feb 5, 12, 19/ Sun March 15**  
**(restarts weekly on Wed April 8)**

Many local churches have worship in their buildings on Wednesdays during Lent. So, no Wednesday Music Group Feb 26—April 1. Join us Sun March 15, and then we meet weekly again starting Wed April 8.

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CHIEFS VS. 49ERS



# SUPER BOWL PARTY!

COME HANGOUT  
WITH FRIENDS TO  
WATCH THE GAME,  
HALFTIME SHOW,  
(OR THE  
COMMERCIALS!)  
EAT DELICIOUS  
PARTY FOOD, AND  
PLAY GAMES!



5PM-8PM

FEBRUARY

2ND

LIGHTHOUSE  
HEADQUARTERS

513 W GRAND AVE



**LIGHTHOUSE**  
YOUTH MINISTRY

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Bring snacks & games to share and contact Chloe for more info!  
[chloe.paul@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:chloe.paul@lighthouseyouth.org) \ 262.235.0610



# ***LOCK-IN!***

**February 14th | 8PM**

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**February 15th | 8AM**

**@Parkside UCC**

*Bring friends, a snack to share, and a sleeping bag for an all night party with tons of games, activities, and food!*

RSVP to Chloe by February 9th and contact for more info!

[chloe.paul@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:chloe.paul@lighthouseyouth.org)

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**LIGHTHOUSE**

YOUTH MINISTRY

# Faith formation

## Faith Formation – No January Meeting

Children: Children are invited to the Lower Level following Children's Time during the morning service.

Coffee and Conversation: 9:00 AM in the Conference Room.

LIGHTHOUSE (Ecumenical Youth Group):

For up-to-date events, check out the website: <https://lighthouseyouth.org/> and the [Facebook page](#). A Youth Meeting is held two Sundays a month with separate meetings for middle school students and high school students. A new Music Group is held on Wednesdays.

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

Adult – Please browse & check out books & materials. Located in the Conference Room.

Friday Fun Nights: Gathering is at 5:30pm with a potluck at 6pm. 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:

February 2 – 5:00 Super Bowl Party at Lighthouse

February 14 – 5:30 Friday Fun Night (Valentine Fun)

March 13 – 5:30 Friday Fun Night (St. Patty Party)

April 10 – 5:30 Friday Fun Night (April Foolin' Around)

## FREE WEBINAR HOSTED BY WISCONSIN UCC'S CREATION CARE Driving \$mart in God's Garden on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7pm



This webinar will help you learn how to Learn to Drive \$mart and save up to \$340 per year and lower your CO2 emissions by 2,725 pounds in your current vehicle (based on 20% improvement). How is this possible? Let's do some math:

Based on current national averages, you drive 15,000 miles a year in an 11-year-old vehicle that gets 22 mpg and buy 682 gallons of gas (2.50) per year for \$1705, but your vehicle also emits 13,620 pounds of CO2 annually into God's Garden. Driving is definitely a privilege with many benefits but also many environmental consequences.

As a Christian, you want to be a better steward of God's garden but since your vehicle costs are the 2nd/3rd highest expense in your budget, right now you can't afford to buy an electric vehicle to help the environment. You may think that you'll just continue to negatively impact the climate and have no options...but you'd be wrong.

Learn to Drive \$mart and save up to \$340 per year and lower your CO2 emissions by 2,725 pounds in your current vehicle (based on 20% improvement). Join us in the March 12th at 7pm for the webinar, "Driving \$mart in God's Garden". REGISTER BY CLICKING [HERE](#) OR GO TO <https://www.wcucc.org/event/driving-mart-in-gods-garden-webinar/>

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# EXPLORING PRAYER IN 12 STEP RECOVERY



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15


9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

COST: \$50, INCLUDES LUNCH (REGISTRATION REQUESTED)

A PLACE TO BE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

166 W DEKORA ST, SAUKVILLE

262-277-1928 · [WWW.APLACETOBESC.ORG](http://WWW.APLACETOBESC.ORG)



Prayer is a connection with a Higher Power that can be expressed in many ways. Spirituality and prayer can be a challenge for those in recovery from alcoholism, addiction and trauma as well as their family members. During this retreat day, participants will explore how to strengthen their relationship with a greater power with new types of prayer. We will examine ways of sharing thoughts and feelings through prayers for help, expressing gratitude and finding Inspiration by delving into prayers of poetry, songs and art. All who want to explore prayer, those involved in any 12 step program and their family members, and those who are spiritual companions to seekers in recovery are encouraged to participate.

*Please join us!*

# Ash Wednesday Service

Led by Rev. Susan Drake

**FEBRUARY 26**

LIGHT MEAL AT 6PM

SERVICE AT 6:30PM



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WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**P R E P A R E**

THE SEASON OF LENT

LIGHT MEAL AT 6PM  
REFLECTION SERVICE AT 6:30PM

Led by Heather Rogge



# VISIONING / ALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join Us

Saturday, February 15 at 8:00am

Be an active part of Parkside Community UCC!



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!

# WORSHIP MINISTRY – A LOOK BACK AT 2019

MEMBERS: Nancy Gierach, Joan Brecke

First I would like to invite some members to join this committee. It's very difficult holding a committee meeting with so few; therefore we did not hold meetings every month. Extra people would make it easier having ushers and setting up communion when one of us is absent, changing the sanctuary over for each season, especially the two major ones; Easter and Christmas.

In January a funeral was held at Parkside for Doris Goener Olson. She was baptized, confirmed and married in this church and her family wanted her final service held at this church. Pastor Michelle worked with the family.

We would like to thank Penny Fransee for taking care of ordering, delivering and setting up the flowers for Easter morning this year. Also many thanks go to Heather Rogge and her family for preparing the Easter Breakfast.

The Lenten services and meal were held between Living Hope and Parkside. We had a Maundy Thursday Service, no Good Friday service and 2 Easter Services.

On August 18<sup>th</sup> Pastor Michelle scheduled an outdoor service @ Grady Park with blessing of the animals. Due to the rainy weather this service had to be held in the sanctuary. A potluck took place after the service.

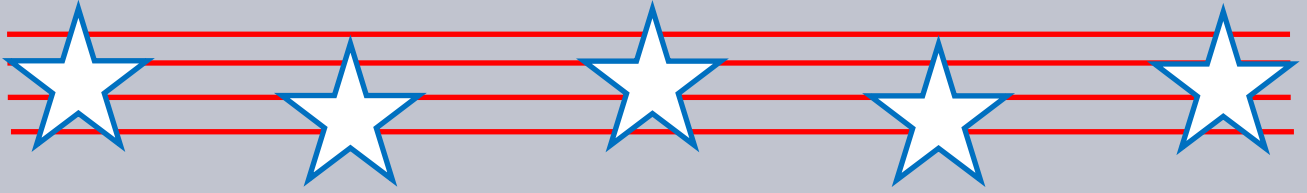
September 25<sup>th</sup>, Worship Committee provided a meal for all the volunteers working to repair and improve Port Washington's Possibility Playground.



An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was held on November 26<sup>th</sup>. This included United Methodist, Living Hope, Christ the King, St. John's the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Parkside Community. There were 101 people worshipping that night in an amazing service. Everyone enjoyed pie and ice cream in the fellowship hall after the service.

Christmas Eve service was held at 4:00 P.M. that night.

December 29<sup>th</sup> was Pastor Michelle's last service at Parkside. We wish her well for her future journey.



Community Outreach Retreat:  
Serving Those Who Served for



**Tuesday, February 25**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**A Place to Be Spirituality Center**  
**Cost: Free-will offering**  
**Registration requested: 262-277-1928,**

What can we do to help the veterans living locally and beyond? What needs are most pressing for members our veteran community? There are a variety of organizations that claim to serve our vets, but how do we know which ones will use our contributions most effectively? Join us as we learn about ways that we can support and serve those who have served for our country. We will have stations set up with projects to create messages and gifts for veterans, which will be donated to the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight of Wisconsin.

Families and those of all ages are encouraged to attend; children must be accompanied by a parent.





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Please submit newsletter items to the church at  
[saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) by February 24.  
for the March 2020 Newsletter.

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