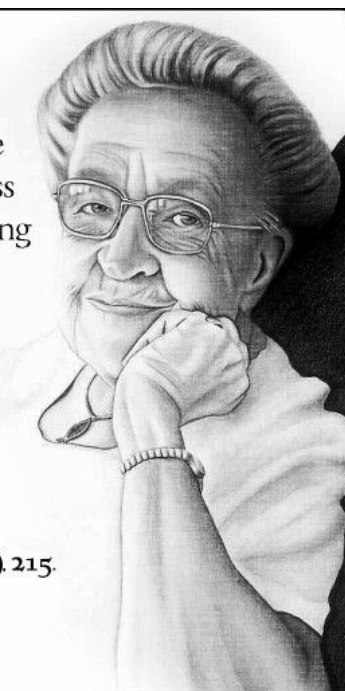




A Message from Pastor Susan

I have been thinking a lot about Corrie Ten Boom lately. She has always been a hero of mine since I first saw "The Hiding Place". She and her family hid Jewish people in their home because they saw it as what Christians are called to do when there is injustice. They ended up in a concentration camp for their actions where Corrie's sister died. I remember seeing this movie like it was yesterday.



It is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself.

Corrie ten Boom.
The Hiding Place (1971). 215.

AWAKEN

In the summertime in Dallas my Mom would take us to the movies to get out of the heat. On several occasions she liked the movie so much that we would take Dad back to see it that night when he got off work. This movie made that list as did many Barbara Streisand as well as Richard Dreyfuss movies. I still love that about my mom; when something moves her deeply she has a need to share it with all the people she loves.

Corrie Ten Boom came to mind as I was reading the lectionary texts last week about the Hebrew midwives who broke the law by not killing all male babies as ordered by the Pharaoh. One of those babies that they saved was Moses. Through their act of deceit, not only do they save him, but he ends up growing up in the Egyptian Royal Family.

These two instances beg the question "how far do we go to do the will of God"?

As I write this, I have an injustice hangover. I probably shouldn't be writing this article in that condition, but the deadline looms large as do my feelings, leaving no room for anything else. There was another police shooting - this time in Kenosha, and another lesser known shooting that occurred far from here.

A group out of Milwaukee led by Frank Nitty are marching from Milwaukee to Washington D.C. I was compelled by this effort and have been following their march. Within 24 hours of the shooting in Kenosha, in a rural town in Pennsylvania, one of the marchers was shot in the face by a white resident who thought he was perfectly within his rights to open fire on them. On the road. Engaged in a peaceful march.

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Kenosha is on fire. Corrie Ten Boom once wrote “When a house is on fire and you know that there are people in it, it is a sin to straighten the pictures in that house. When the world is in great danger, works that in themselves are not sinful can be wrong”.

But Kenosha is far away from my home with its beautiful yard. I have a choice (read: also privilege) to ignore what is going on in Kenosha for now. I could turn off the TV, not look at my phone and just put some distance between myself and that harsh reality. Black people don’t have that choice. That injustice is all around them. It is what they “live and breathe and have their being in”.

We can try to ignore it, but racial inequity is not going to just disappear. It is born out of our country’s original sin that has never been fully acknowledged, apologized for or rectified. While all lives matter to God and should matter to us, until we stop perpetuating systems of inequity, black lives will suffer the disparities and dehumanization embedded in our society. And treating racial inequity as an either/or, us vs. them proposition, so that we either support law enforcement or we support racial justice only makes it worse.

I support my local police AND people demanding racial justice. I believe it is possible to be critical of either group without being hypocritical. I believe it is what Jesus would have done, what the Hebrew midwives would have done and what Corrie Ten Boom would have done.

After 9/11 our urban police became militarized with armored vehicles and automatic weapons. Instead of fighting terrorists, these military weapons are often seen at peaceful protests and used to intimidate our own citizens. We do not need more tanks and teargas in our communities. We need schools that function for all children, accessible housing and healthcare, food security, and equal opportunity, and equal protection under the law. This is not a political statement, this is a moral one.

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Or by Appointment

Many of you have done a lot of work toward dismantling racism in yourselves and your community. But the work must continue. For me, it is an ongoing process of examining my reactions to events and situations, identifying when they come from a place in me that was formed in a racist culture, and choosing to act differently. It is hard work. And it is tempting to want to step away from it all.

But, our house is burning down. Let’s stop fussing with the pictures and start saving lives.

*Peace, Your Pastor,
Susan*

PRAYER

Prayer Families for the Month:

changes things

September 6 –
Joe, Denise, Nathan, and
Nicole Golownia

September 13 –
Pastors Susan Drake and
Julie Jennings

September 20 –
LaVerne Dollert

September 27 –
Mark and Nancy Gierach



The weekly prayer family card continues to be sent as our congregation is unable to sign it at this time due to COVID. Please continue to keep the prayer family in your prayers and consider sending a personal card. If you are in need of a family's address, please contact the church office at sauvilleucc@att.net or 262-284-0588.



Lighthouse Youth Ministry Board representative needed. One evening meeting a month in Port Washington. Great ecumenical group. Marla Race is in a leadership role on the Board, you would be serving with her to learn the ropes. Please call Marla at (262) 483-9528 with questions or if you are interested in representing Parkside in this important non-profit role.

UPDATES FROM CARING MINISTRIES

Although we have not been meeting due to COVID-19, Caring Ministries continues its work with the prayer chain team and various ministries.

Thank you notes were sent to:

- Nancy Gierach for her years of keeping our church so clean and well organized.
- Pastor Susan and Carrie Rydzewski for all their work putting together virtual worship services.
- Those who worked on ground maintenance – Wally Quade, Sue, Michael, and Maggy Sarver, And Holly and Ryan Skelton
- Chelene Golownia for organizing the rummage sale
- Sawyer Rydzewski for summer music

During this time of distancing, we urge you to pick up the phone and give someone a call or send a card. You can make a difference!

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2020

Present: Mark Gierach, Kathy Tauben, Sue Sarver, Joan Brecke, Heather Rogge, Pastor Susan Drake

Open with prayer: Pastor Susan

Council Minutes: Motion made by Joan B. to accept the June minutes, second by Heather R, motion passed.

6/28/20 The following Council members met after service -Motion made by Heather R to approve \$38.35 Pension (4% of cash salary) as part of the ½ time Pastor Ministry Call Agreement. 2nd by Joan B. Motion passed.

No Council meeting held in July.

Treasurer report- Motion made by Heather R to accept the Treasurer's report for June, second by Kathy T. Motion passed. Motion by Sue S to accept the Treasurer's report for July, second by Heather R. motion passed

Pastor Report – Continuing to try and find ways to safely worship together, pastoral care calls continue. Looking to create a pastoral committee.

Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- One more delegate is needed to represent Parkside with Lighthouse. Sept. 13th 9:00 Adult Faith Formation to begin before church service.

Stewardship-Rummage Sale, looking to start with stewardship skits in the future.

Worship- Outdoor service August 16th. Village to use the pavilion.

Building & Grounds- See old and new business

Caring-No meeting held; prayer list continues to be circulated.

Missions- September hosting Family Promise – Due to Covid-19 looking for one dinner to be prepared, families will stay in a hotel looking for monetary donations to cover the costs.

Old Business:

Further discussions for options regarding the church steeple – Repair or remove at this time we have a quote of \$16,000 to repair. Motion was made by Heather R to have a special congregational meeting to discuss our options. Meeting to be held after service on August 30th.

New Business:

Three HVAC units need to be replaced – The office units are both down, the unit for fellowship hall one of the heat exchanges is badly cracked. Total cost approximately \$23,853. At the congregational meeting on August 30th we will vote to approve costs to repair.

There are lights out in the sanctuary looking at the most cost-effective way to replace.

Motion made by Joan B, second Kathy T. to adjourn. Motion passed

IN-PERSON WORSHIP



The following precautions will be taken for the indefinite future:

- shortened service
- masks will be mandatory and hand sanitizer will be available, if you don't have a mask one will be provided for you
- we will separate people among all the pews to spread out
- no coffee fellowship following the service and no communion
- offering plate will be set outside the sanctuary in the narthex and will not be passed around, but available for members to drop off donations
- If you are feeling ill or are in a high risk group, please stay home and join us online

We will be recording the services and making them available on our Facebook and Youtube pages for you to view and join us virtually. The Parkside church council takes this decision to return to in-person worship services very seriously and reserves the right to cancel service should we experience a surge in cases.

NEED YOUR NEW CONTACT INFO



If you have moved or changed phone numbers, email addresses, or physical addresses, please send an email to the church office at sauvilleucc@att.net to ensure that we have your current contact information. Also, if you are not getting occasional updates from Parkside via email, please make sure we have your current email address and check your gmail "updates" folder or spam folders.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

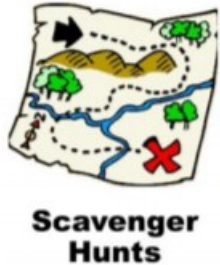


- WiFi problem being corrected by ATT.
- Carport has been painted by Gabel Painting
- Congregational meeting to approve replacing three furnaces and air conditioning units.
- Approval needed for steeple reparations.

Thank you to Wally Quade for all your time and efforts keeping our building going!

Lighthouse Youth Group Apple Picking Event!

Fall is just around the corner and so is school. Faith Formation starts up Sept 13th. Children meeting during 10:00am worship Service. Children will be in worship service till the end of Children's time then be taking down stairs for Children's Church. September dates 13th and 27th every other Sunday each month. 9:00am crafting with Youth who accompany adults for Coffee and Conversation. Lighthouse Youth Events in September. Sept. 13th Apple Picking. 11:00 carpool from Center, 11:30 meet at Orchard. Sept. 27th Scavenger Hunt/Diner meet 3:00 Youth Center.



Youth Director Wanted

Paid part-time Youth Director for Lighthouse Youth Ministry. Flexible hours with an average of 20 hours per week. Lighthouse Youth Ministry is a shared ministry of five congregations from three denominations in Saukville and Port Washington. Our churches joined forces in 2018 to establish an independent non-profit because we saw the need for a vibrant Christian group which welcomes youth grades 5-12 of all faith backgrounds. Together, we seek to create a welcoming and safe community where youth can grow in their relationships with God and with each other. The Youth Director will work closely with pastors, volunteers, and board members from multiple congregations to build relationships, lead events, and implement programming which supports the organization's purpose and mission.

The ideal candidate will be: Passionate about the faith and spiritual lives of youth. Capable of modeling Christian discipleship through words and actions. Energetic, engaging, and creative. Comfortable building relationships with youth and adults, including parents, volunteers, faith leaders, and community partners. Welcoming of persons from a variety of backgrounds, traditions, and identities, including LGBTQ+ individuals. Able to communicate the organization's mission and vision to a range of stakeholders. Regularly present in the community seeking opportunities to interact with members of multiple congregations as well as build relationships with local school and community leaders. Organized, responsible, dependable, honest, mature, and accessible.

Please send resume to Ray Shupe at shuper54@yahoo.com .



GARDENERS WANTED

Please let us know if you would like to sign up to bring flowers from your garden for our worship service.

Let's make the sanctuary

POP

with color and life!

VENDOR SHOW

If you are interested in helping raise funds for Parkside by heading up a Vendor Show, please contact the church office at sauvilleucc@att.net.



WANTED:



MUSICIANS



DANCERS



JUGGLERS

WE HAVE SOME OPEN SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER WHERE WE NEED TO FILL IN FOR MIKE CHAPEL. WE WON'T BE SINGING, BUT WOULD STILL APPRECIATE PEOPLE SHARING THEIR TALENTS WITH US. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.



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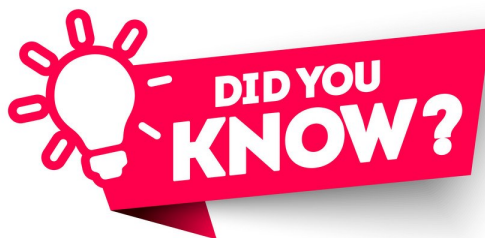
1. CHECK: To deliver 100% of your donation to Parkside Community UCC, mail your tax deductible donation to: Parkside Community UCC, PO Box 80304, Saukville, WI 53080.

2. ACH / AUTOMATIC MONTHLY WITHDRAWALS: An easy way to give and ensure that 100% of your donation goes to Parkside Community UCC. Just fill out a form and turn it into the church office with your voided check and the amount you designate is taken out of your checking account on the first business day of every month. Please email the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net to set-up monthly withdrawals.

3. TEXT: Text the word "Parkside" to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply. Please be aware that Parkside Community UCC will incur a small, standard credit card processing fee.

4. ONLINE: If it is more convenient for you to give online, we encourage you to click [here](#) to give a one time donation.

Note: Note that when making donations with a credit card, there is a 2.65% fee for using Visa, Mastercard, or Discover and a 3.5% fee for American Express. Each transaction also has a 35 cents per transaction fee.



INTERESTED IN CONTINUING RECYCLE PROGRAM?

Effective July 31, Mark Gierach will no longer be collecting aluminum or tin scrap metal for recycling. These funds in the past have gone toward the support of the Caring committee, if anyone else wishes to continue the program, please let the church office know otherwise Mark will remove the collection containers on the 31st of July.



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Worship at Grady Park

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

AUGUST 23, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 6, SEPTEMBER 13, SEPTEMBER 20
(WEATHER PERMITTING)



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