



## United Church of Christ General Synod-July 2021

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Instead of descending on Kansas City for their biennial General Synod, members of the United Church of Christ gathered virtually instead. Coming together from their homes, or perhaps in small groups from their local church, delegates conducted the business of the church remotely.

During the eight days, the 715 voting delegates and almost 2,000 visitors, more than had registered at the previous synod in 2019, found many familiar business elements, such as: budget discussions, nominations, and an election of Associate General Minister Traci Blackmon. Eleven resolutions in total in which the governing body lent its voice to theological and social issues. The first of those came already, when delegates continued decades-long advocacy for fairness in society by declaring racism a public health crisis and speaking on other church wide and worldwide issues. News about all Synod resolutions and actions can be found [here](#).

UCC General Minister and President John Dorhauer, in his state of church address, declared that he serves a “denomination on the move.” It is relevant, he said, “to and in a world that is looking for a body fully committed to a love that seeks a just world for all.” Read more on Dorhauer’s address and watch the video [here](#).

Highlights from the business at the 2021 General Synod can be found below with links to more info.

- [UCC officers speak to ‘Just Peace’ declaration affirmed](#)
- [Delegates agree it’s time to honor ‘rights of nature’](#)
- [Synod delegates ‘deplore’ conversion therapy, call for its ban](#)
- [Synod changes decision, passes resolution on occupied Hawaii](#)
- [Traci Blackmon reelected as associate general minister, Justice and Local Church Ministries](#)
- [Synod delegates affirm resolution calling for cash bail system reform](#)
- [Valerie Russell lecturer shares ‘truth, hidden in plain sight’](#)
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***Pastor Susan’s Office Hours:***

***Tuesdays 1pm to 4pm***

***Stop in for a quick hello or a chat!***



Present: Heather Rogge, Sue Sarver, Joan Brecke, Wally Quade, Kathy Tauben, Kaitlyn Watry (by phone), Pastor Susan

Open with prayer: Pastor Susan

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

Treasurer report- Motion made by Wally Q. to accept the Treasure report for June, second by Kathy T, Motion passed.

Pastor Report – Preparation for Rally Sunday Sept. 12th, Ecumenical zoom meeting, attending General Synod, pastoral visits and phone calls.

#### Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- Need to look into/obtain curriculum for children for Sunday school. Kaitlyn would be willing to work with Marla.

Stewardship: No meeting held, Craft show October 9th.

Worship- No meeting. Reminder to continue wearing masks while singing during church service.

Building & Grounds- Steeple work has been completed, obtaining quotes to replace #3 AC unit.

Plumber revisit at church house. Will have the grease trap pumping completed every six months expense would be paid from kitchen account.

Caring- No meeting held; Prayer list being provided.

Missions-Mission for the month of July- Family Promise, School supply drive Aug 19 and 20th. Community meals starting Sept 4th and 18th, Oct 2, 16 and 30th.

Pastors Relation- Meeting to be held quarterly, next meeting July 25th.

Reimaging Task Force-Next meeting July 20, will be discussing signs on Co W advertising for St. Peter's.

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Old Business:

Food Pantry – The Food Pantry presented a proposal requesting to rent the entire lower level. After lengthy discussion it is our position that at this time, we are not able to provide this space to the Food Pantry as we are in contract with the YMCA through 2024. Both the Food Pantry and the YMCA are equally important meeting the needs of the community.

Developing a annual evaluation /review point system – continue discussion at August meeting- needs to be completed by October.

Certificate of Completion expires Nov 2021, (kitchen safety certificate) council will be looking for someone who would be willing complete this training.

New Business:

Returning Safely to fellowship time: At this time, we will begin coffee fellowship, if you are able to assist in preparation, please talk to a council member.

Carrie will be out of the office July 30-Aug 8th, Motion made by Wally Q to approve \$500 paid vacation in response /recognition for Carrie work and adapting though Covid. Second by Kathy T. motion passed. Wally will pick up the mail and Kaitlyn will check voice mail in her absence. Council will be having further discussion regarding a vacation compensation package for the 2022 budget.

Church Historical Documents-Pastor Susan, Wally Q and Sue S will work to consolidate historical documents which are currently in multiple areas of the church into one area.

Motion made by Joan B to adjourn, second Wally Q. Motion passed

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Haggai 2:1-9      **2**<sup>1</sup> *on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: <sup>2</sup>“Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak,<sup>[a]</sup> the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, <sup>3</sup>‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?’ <sup>4</sup>But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the LORD. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the LORD, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the LORD Almighty. <sup>5</sup>‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’*

<sup>6</sup> *“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup>I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty. <sup>8</sup>‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty. <sup>9</sup>‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”*

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This past Lent we studied this reading. At first glance it didn't seem to have any relevance to the life of Parkside. Then I watched an excellent one-hour sermon by Randy Luccero on this Haggai passage. Randy helped me understand how relevant it really is to Parkside. Months later as we are planning for Rally Sunday this scripture continues to be on my mind. So, what does a story about rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem have to do with Parkside?

At a spring council meeting and then at the annual meeting we talked about the need to grow our congregation once COVID is no longer a threat. We don't need to build the congregation because we need more money or we want more of the pews filled. We need to grow our congregation because there are people in the greater Saukville area who desperately need to hear the word of God. They need a loving community to support them on their faith journey. They need Jesus as a friend and guide. They yearn for the hope the Resurrection story provides. Like the ancient Jews, we will become frustrated sometime during the campaign to build membership. In verse 3 there were elders who remembered the glory of Solomon's temple and this new temple seemed like nothing compared to the first temple. There will be those of us at Parkside who remember the good 'ol days when the pews were filled and compared to that, our membership now feels like nothing. We will become discouraged. I'm asking you though to please not compare what God is calling us to do in 2021 to anything in the past. Remember as we read in verse 4 that we must be strong and do the work. God is with us and we do not have to do it alone. We need to acknowledge that our individual talents are not sufficient for the task ahead and that we cannot do it without God's strength and grace. We need to sit in God's presence and listen to God's voice instead of waking up in the morning telling God what needs to be done. That may take some of us out of our comfort zones. If I call you and ask you to help please consider saying "yes" even if it makes you nervous. Refer to verse 5 – DO NOT FEAR!

I will also ask you, as we begin the work of building the congregation, to remember the future promises of God. Be faithful and encouraged by verse 7 when God said he would fill the second temple with glory and it would in fact be greater than the first temple. Historically we know Herod remodeled the second temple into something greater than Solomon's temple. He did it so that he might fulfill the promise instead of the Messiah. But we know, with the benefit of Christian hindsight, that Jesus fulfilled God's promise of peace in verse 9 which comes when we surrender our lives to God and accept the gift of salvation. Parkside, we have a great task ahead of us, similar to the people in Haggai's time, but with God's help, strength, and direction we can build a church that serves the community and glorifies God.

# CARING MINISTRIES

## Messages Sent

A thank you note was sent to Sawyer Rydzewski for sharing his music this summer. A sympathy note was sent to the Suddendorf family. Follow-up letters are sent to visitors who fill out a Visitor Card.

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 and card sales. Fair Trade items and handmade occasion cards are located on the shelf next to the office and are available for sale. Chocolate is on sale for half price this month!



**Sawyer Rydzewski provided music for our July 25 worship service.**

## Communion Wafers

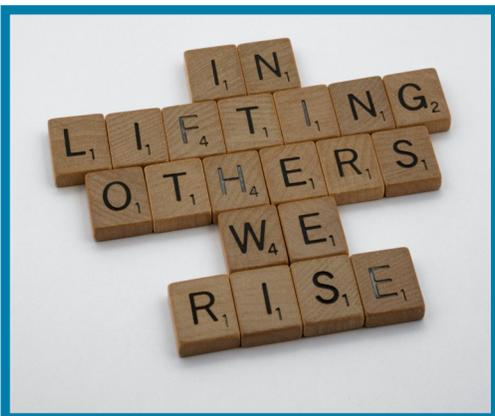
Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. These wafers are free not only of gluten, but also free of wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, and soy, and are low protein. If you need to avoid any of the above, please request a gluten-free wafer from an usher. They are in a screw-top container on a separate plate.

## Soup Ministry

There are times in each of our lives when a light meal is very much appreciated. Caring Ministries has frozen quarts of homemade soup available. See any member of the Caring Ministries Team if you know of a member who would appreciate a quart.

## Prayer Chain Information

To call in a prayer request please notify Jean Hamilton at 262-284-3734 / jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com or Gail Weigel at dweigel@wi.rr.com.



## Prayer Families for August

To protect our members' privacy we cannot publish mailing addresses. If you are in need of a family's address, please contact the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net or 262-284-0588 and we can email or mail you an updated membership list with addresses. Here are the prayer families for this month:

August 1 — Joe, Denise, Nathan, and Nicole Golownia

August 8 — Jean Hamilton

August 15 — Rev. Susan Drake and Rev. Julie Jennings.

August 22 — Laverne Dollert

August 29 — Mark and Nancy Gierach

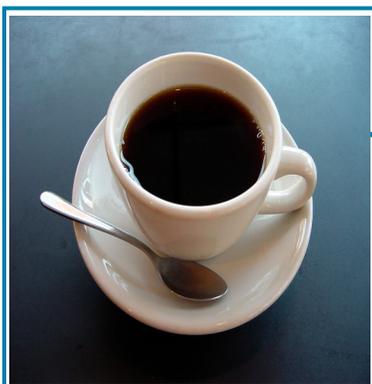


In-Person worship services would not be the same without our worship volunteers and we are so thankful for their willingness to give their time and talents to serve Parkside. Whether you serve as a reader, run the AV equipment, or bring flowers to decorate the altar, please know that you are appreciated! And we also sincerely appreciate all those who serve behind the scenes on the Council and Committees too!

To help keep track of who is scheduled on any given Sunday, we have created a public calendar on the Parkside website so *anyone* can access it at *anytime* to see when an individual is scheduled. To view the calendar go to [parksideucc.com](https://www.parksideucc.com) and click on the "About" menu and look for "Worship Volunteers". A direct link to the calendar is here: <https://www.parksideucc.com/worshipschedule.html>.

We are always looking for more volunteers in our rotations, if you would like to help please let us know. Whether you want to volunteer just one time or be placed on the regular rotation we would love to have you participate! Email [saukvilleucc@att](mailto:saukvilleucc@att) if you are interested.

*Thank you!*



**Fellowship  
Volunteers  
Needed**

Please email Pastor Susan if you are able to help with goodies and make coffee. Pastor's email address is [rsdrake@icloud.com](mailto:rsdrake@icloud.com)

1 AUG, SUN Accompanist: Bella Musik  
Altar Flowers: Joan Brecke  
AV: Bill Karrels  
Fellowship Time: Pastor Susan  
Reader: Heather Rogge

8 AUG, SUN Accompanist: Mike Chapel  
Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan  
AV: Bill Karrels  
Fellowship Time: Jessica  
Reader: Gail Weigel

15 AUG, SUN Accompanist: No Mike  
Altar Flowers: Heather Rogge  
AV: Bill Karrels  
**Fellowship Time: ?**  
Pulpit Supply: Bonnie Jacque  
Reader: Marla Race

22 AUG, SUN Accompanist: No Mike  
Altar Flowers: Kathy Quade  
AV: Bill Karrels  
**Fellowship Time: ?**  
Reader: Ron Newlin

29 AUG, SUN Accompanist: Mike Chapel  
Altar Flowers: Joan Brecke  
AV: Bill Karrels  
**Fellowship Time: ?**  
Reader: Sue Sarver



# LIGHTHOUSE

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### ***A message and invitation for Lighthouse Youth Director, Erica Brooks...***

This fall Lighthouse will be offering Alpha for high school students. Currently we have one host, who is located in Port Washington. Alpha is an interactive, video based, group that gives students the opportunity to ask big questions about their faith, God, and life. We would love to be able to offer one more group. If you are interested in hosting a small group of high school students once a week please contact us directly. We would love to talk with you. Lastly, save the date for our back to school event on Sunday, September 12. This is going to be a time for youth and their families to learn more about Lighthouse and receive information for the upcoming school year. We will have games, prizes, and of course food!



**The field is ready for a fun game of waterslide kickball played on June 23.**

### ***A message from Parkside's Lighthouse Rep, Marla Race...***

- PWSEYM Lighthouse group, on the move with action this 2021.
- Activities: The 6K held at PW HS track was successful. We would like to do this run each year to build momentum. Wednesday nights activities are being attended well.
- Volunteer sign-up is needed from each congregation. We are looking for each congregation to assist in helping out to encourage multi-congregational participation.
- Wildfire Mission trip happend the week of July 18th.
- Dan and Erica are the chaperones and drivers of our group of 6 youth.
- Thanks to GAUMC they did a noisy offering to help cover travel costs.

# CHILDREN OF THE CHRCH

Hope you all have enjoyed the 2021 Summer. The youth has meet for Ssummer activities on Summer Wednesdays as well as Sunday nights.

# Happy Birthday!



August 2	Daniel Dollert
August 4	Mike Metz
August 5	Baker Metz
August 5	Nancy Gierach
August 5	Nathan Golownia
August 8	Elizabeth Feith (96 years!)
August 19	Ann Murawsky
August 24	Evan Race
August 27	Daniel Golownia
August 31	Mark Gierach

# Celebrate!

# Happy Anniversary!



Bing & Chelene Golownia  
Married on August 10, 1963

Mark & Nancy Gierach  
Married on August 12, 1995

Jane & Chip Elbe  
Married on August 24, 1973

Mike & Sandy Smith  
Married on August 29, 1980

Patty & Dan Gilbert  
August 31, 1980



# Sermons

*Read them online!*

If you missed a sermon or just want to review it again, you can find them on our website via the link [here](#).



# Art Nights

A Place to Be welcomes you to attend their Art Night held August 20th at 6:30pm. To register and get more info just follow this [link](#).



# That Taco Guy

Voted Milwaukee's Best of 2020, That Taco Guy food truck will be serving up a sinfully delicious menu of tacos, burritos, nachos and so much more at this week's Ozaukee County Fair.

They will be located on the North End of the grounds across from the Ozaukee Pavilion.

Don't forget to try the Texas Candy - candied jalapenos that are sweet and spicy and go on EVERYTHING!!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Join us!*

- ★ Aug 1 Service at 10am  
Music by Bella Musik
- ★ Sept 5 Service at 10am  
Music by Rev. Drake & Rev. Jennings
- ★ Sept 12 Service at 10am Rally Day  
Service & Potluck in Grady Park
- ★ Oct 9 from 10am to 3pm  
Vendor & Craft Show



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**NEXT TO GRADY PARK**  
**262-284-0588**



**WELCOME BACK TO LIGHTHOUSE**

# **LIGHTHOUSE FIESTA!**

**THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED TO  
THIS FUN-FILLED PARTY!**

Sunday, September 12 | 6 – 8 PM  
505 W Grand Ave  
Port Washington, WI 53012

Information/registration for 2021-2022 School year will be available.



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