



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# NEWSLETTER

*News & updates from our church for our community*

## Mission of the Month for May: Strengthen the Church

"If not us, then who? If not now, then when?" The questions of John Lewis – activist, legislator, and justice advocate – echoed in the art of Dr. Deborah Rundlett. She knew the heartfelt hopes and challenges of youth in her community. Youth wonder about what their world will look like. Despite these challenges, teens and young adults demonstrated a commitment to social change, contributing energy and passion. Rev. Rundlett sought ways to help "unleash the potential and intrinsic power of area high school students to fulfill their capacity as current and future leaders and world citizens."



Through the **Strengthen the Church Offering**, we help support the work of conferences and the national setting as we become a multi-racial/ multi-cultural church.

In response, Ridgebury Congregational Church, with community members, founded the "The Meetinghouse" which sits between two towns: one affluent yet progressive, with little diversity; the other multicultural, representing a wide diversity of peoples, economically, socially, and politically. The congregation saw an opportunity to bring together youth from both communities for dialogue, wisdom, and collaborative partnership.

With funding from the Strengthen the Church Offering and the State of Connecticut, Dr. Rundlett and The Meetinghouse are gathering high school students to "meet with leading social entrepreneurs, environmental designers, and social justice advocates to learn how to draw from respected leadership models and learn how to move intentional change in their contexts." Students decide on a pivotal social issue and then create initiatives to address change.

The Meetinghouse helps youth become change leaders empowered to shape a future grounded in hope. Rudy Marconi, the First Selectman (mayor) of one of the towns, recently spoke about the impact of this program. "Let me tell you what Debbie Rundlett and The Meetinghouse are doing: They are reclaiming the Commons and building a bridge between Ridgefield and Danbury. Essential work for our community!"

Innovative projects like The Meetinghouse happen because generous donors across the United Church of Christ support the Strengthen the Church Offering. Together, through this offering, we support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations as we work to become a multicultural/multi-racial, accessible to all Christian movement.

# Caring Ministries

Our Prayer Team's prayer list is updated every month. Please let Gail Weigel know if you are interested in this mission. You are asked to pray for a specific portion of the list in whatever way you are comfortable. Information is sent via email so you do not need to pass it on.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through the purchase of handmade cards. We are no longer included in the church budget so we appreciate your support with card sales. And thank you to Gail Weigel for sharing her talents making the beautiful handmade cards!

## Prayer Families of the Week for the Month of May:

May 5 | Bing & Chelene Golownia

May 12 | Jean Hamilton

May 19 | Chip & Jane Elbe

May 26 | Connie, Paul, Lauren, Lizzy, and Alexander Saler

To protect our members' privacy we cannot publish mailing addresses. If you need a family's address, please contact the church office at [saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) or 262-284-0588 and we can email or mail you an updated membership list with addresses.

## Happy Birthday!

May 2 | Abbey Hein

May 2 | Kaitlyn Watry

May 5 | Kari Fisher

May 10 | Heather Rogge

May 11 | Bill Neumann (92!)

May 17 | Bonnie Dollert

May 23 Emma Salamone

May 25 | Dan Weigel

May 28 | Bernie Heimerl

May 29 | Joseph Golownia

May 30 | Sandy Dickmann

## Happy Anniversary!

Dave & Pat Davis

Married on May 5, 1962

Connie & Paul Saler

Married on May 16, 1992

Joan & Howard Brecke

Married May 31, 1980

# Worship Volunteers

We are thankful for all of our volunteers and we are looking for a few additional folks to serve!

We specifically are looking for one or two more people to add to the Fellowship Time rotation. This simply involves arriving a little early to make the coffee and staying a little late for cleanup. Instructions, training and help provided! Everyone looks forward to our Sunday fellowship, how about taking a turn to keep it going strong?!

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Carrie in the Church office at [saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) 262-284-0588.

5 MAY, SUN  
Accompanist: Mike Chapel  
Altar Flowers: Kathy Quade  
AV: Bill Karrels  
Fellowship Time: Joan Brecke  
Pulpit Supply: Open  
Reader: Sue Sarver

12 MAY, SUN  
Accompanist: Mike Chapel  
Altar Flowers: Joan Brecke  
AV: Bill Karrels  
Fellowship Time: Matt DeGross  
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco  
Reader: Ingrid Newlin

19 MAY, SUN  
Accompanist: Mike Chapel  
Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg  
AV: ? (No Bill)  
Fellowship: Sandy Habersetzer  
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco  
Reader: Gail Weigel

26 MAY, SUN  
Accompanist: Rev. Laura Blanco  
Altar Flowers: Heather Rogge  
AV: ? (No Bill)  
Fellowship Time: Sandy Dickmann  
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco  
Reader: Sandy Dickmann



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting - Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:00p.m.

Council Members Present: President: Vice President: Sue Sarver, Treasurer: Matt DeGroff, Secretary: Kaitlyn Watry, Wally Quade, Joan Brecke

Secretary Report: Update March minutes for future record to show that we did serve communion on Easter Sunday. Motion made by Joan to accept the March meeting minutes, seconded by Wally. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Wally to accept the March treasurer report, seconded by Joan. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: No updates this month, see newsletter for any committee updates.

Old Business:

AV System: No updates since March council meeting.

Holiday Pay Policy approved and signed by council member.

Incentive Agreement: approved and signed by council member.

Eagle Disposal: Decision made to switch to garbage pick up every other week and it will save the church about \$40-\$50 dollars.

Internet Bill: Carrie was able to get the internet bill lowered, not sure how long it will stay at this rate but hopefully at least six months.

New Business:

Grant is here to talk about basement updates due to the flooding from the recent rain storm, an insurance claim was filed right away and he is working with the insurance company. The claim will be open one year from the initial date. The basement essentially will be all redone due to water damage. The repairs include replacing all 22 wood doors downstairs (will be the same color as before), painting almost the entire basement (utility room, elevator, and bathroom will not be painted due to no paint damage), new flooring and baseboard and trim work. The elevator will also need quite a few repairs and will be out of order for an extended period of time. Grant does recommend a backup sump pump and moisture alarms. Everything from the basement has been moved to a storage facility for about 60 days for now, it is all at the Mr. Movers Saukville location.



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He mentioned the furnaces were not damaged because that room already contains a floor drain. All rooms will also be cleaned. To move along the process council needs to choose new paint colors, new flooring, new carpeting for classrooms, and new baseboard, and decide on buying new kitchen cabinets or putting the old ones back in. Council did pick new colors for everything and is looking into quotes for new lower kitchen cabinets downstairs, if other cabinets were damaged there may be money to put towards new ones from the insurance company.

Joan will be the council liaison for Spellbound Sweets.

SE Association meeting is April 27, 2024 from 9am to 2:30p.m, no council members are interested in attending.

WI Conference meeting is June 7-9, 2024 at Green Lake. No one from the council is interested in attending, and can open to congregation members if anyone would like to attend.

Upcoming council meeting dates: May 14, 2024, June 11, 2024, July 9, 2024, August 6, 2024, September 17, 2024. All meetings at 6:00p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Wally, seconded by joan. Motion passed.  
Close with the Lord's prayer. Meeting adjourned.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Work continues in basement. New carpeting and vinyl and repaint. Elevator repairs also underway.



## STEWARDSHIP

A rummage sale is being planned. Please save your things. Matt DeGroff will be in charge this year and the dates will be announced soon!





# Lock In!

## Friday, May 17th from 8:00 pm - 8:00 am Saturday - LIGHTHOUSE LOCK-IN!

Many of you have been asking for this event and here it is! Join us for 12 hours of late night fun as we enjoy games, snacks, more games, midnight worship, movies, and more. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 12th if you plan to attend. Students can be dropped off/picked up from Christ the King Lutheran Church (420 W. Whitefish Rd. in Port)

Lighthouse events are open to all students in grades 5-12 Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved?

Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or [christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org)



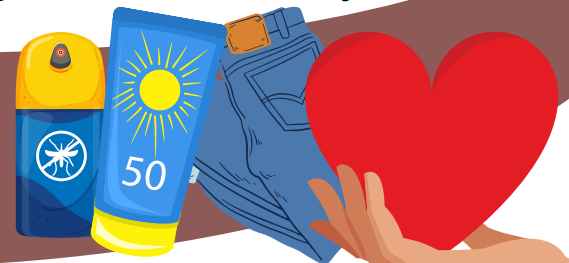
# Mission!

## May Donation Drive

The Mission Committee is doing a donation drive for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge for the month of May. Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge fosters a community of compassion and friendship by providing basic necessities such as clothing and hygiene products to the homeless, those who need support, and the surrounding Milwaukee community.

Most needed items include:

- Men's/women's jeans
- Pillows/blankets/sheets
- Sunscreen/bug spray



All items must be gently used, laundered, odor free and free of major stains and tears as they go straight to our homeless friends. Items with minor stains, rips or tears are at the discretion of Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. They do not accept dress clothing or dress shoes.

Note that the May Mission of the Month is still Strengthen the Church, this is just an additional donation drive.

# People's Prayers for Peace



General Minister and President, Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson calls the church into a season of prayer centered around ending violence in any manifestation and bringing about peace.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Phil. 4:6-7*

Wars and conflicts continue to escalate around the world. Injustices and inequalities manifest as racism, discrimination, gender-based violence, economic disparities, and other issues. As a communal response to uplift these sorrows and support our neighbors near and far, General Minister and President, the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson calls the church to a season of prayer. Prayer undergirds our witness, ministry, and advocacy as we work for peace and a just world for all.

This is an open invitation to anyone who feels called to offer a prayer to end violence in any manifestation, and to bring about peace. Share your prayers using the [People's Prayers for Peace form](#) on this page. New prayers will be published on this page daily. Publishing is at the discretion of the National Ministries of the United Church of Christ and prayers may be edited for content and length.

Click here to Send a Prayer: <https://www.ucc.org/peoples-prayers-for-peace/#peoplesprayersforpeaceform>

Click here to Read all Prayers: <https://www.ucc.org/all-prayers-from-the-peoples-prayers-for-peace/>



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