



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# NEWSLETTER

News & updates from our church for our community

## *Keep Nothing Back!* Written by Marilyn Pagán-Banks

*Open up before God, keep nothing back – Psalm 37:5 (MSG)*

I recently met with a spiritual director and shared with her my trouble with guilt and worry. Guilt and worry over old sins. Guilt and worry over what I have left undone. Guilt and worry over what is enough and what is too much.

She asked about my prayer life and invited me to add one paragraph each night — “God, please take the guilt and worry. I am turning it over to you. I am trusting you. Thank you, God.” — and envision myself laying it all at God’s feet. Holding nothing back. What a simple, yet life-giving gift.

Before I left her office, Sister Jean also shared a resource on poetry-prayer exploration, reminding me of the poetry of the psalms and the heart of those who shared them. One style of poetry-prayer exploration might be familiar to many: the acrostic poem, using the first letter of each line in a poem (or prayer) to spell a word or phrase. It was freeing!

Here is an acrostic prayer I wrote while on retreat, responding in gratitude to the work of the Spirit and reflecting on our call to be the Living Word in these times. I invite you to try it—and keep nothing back!

Prayer: Loving God  
I offer myself to you  
Valley of the lilies  
I offer all I hope to be  
Never forgetting you as the source of love  
God  
Wonderful Counselor  
Omnipotent Healer  
Receive all of my praise and gratitude  
Delivered with joy and dancing

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# ***SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE***

If you want to tune in to any of our services, please use these Facebook and YouTube links. Services are posted about 2 hours after completion and remain posted on our YouTube channel, so you can always go back and view something you may have missed.



**YOU CAN READ PASTOR SUSAN'S  
SERMONS ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**<https://www.parksideucc.com/sermons.html>**



## ***STEWARDSHIP***

Dates for the 2022 Rummage Sale!!

Drop off:

Sunday, May 29 after church.

Monday, May 30 (by appointment)

Drop Off and Set Up:

Wednesday, June 1 from 8am - 5pm

Rummage Sale Dates:

Thursday, June 2 8am-7pm

Friday, June 3 8am-5pm

Saturday, June 4 8am-noon

\$5/bag sale

Next Stewardship meeting is Sunday,  
March 13 after church.

Please start saving your treasures to bring to the sale. Also, if possible, block out a few hours of your time to help as much as you can. Thank you.

# ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

- March 2 William Meloy
- March 8 Sandy Smith
- March 13 Evan Brecke
- March 13 Fritz Learned
- March 13 Donna Koehler
- March 15 Sandy Habersetzer (80!)
- March 16 Rose Kichura
- March 19 Samantha Kichura



May your birthday be sprinkled with fun and laughter and you take time to celebrate YOU! YOU ARE LOVED!



A good marriage is one where each partner secretly suspects they got the better deal!

# ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

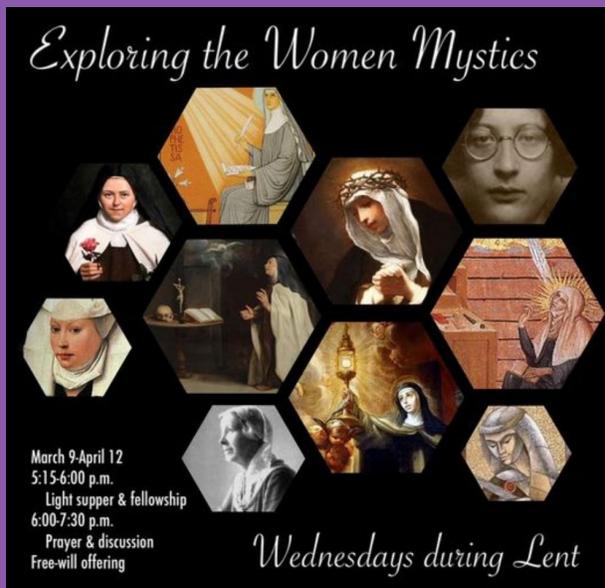
Alex and Michelle Fuentes  
Married on March 5, 2004

David and Nicole Salamone  
Married on March 28, 2015



# ASH WEDNESDAY LIGHT SUPPER & SERVICE

Join us for Ash Wednesday Service at Parkside Community United Church of Christ on Wednesday, March 2. A light supper of soup, salad, and bread will be served at 5:30pm. Service will begin at 6:30pm. Anyone willing to volunteer to help with the meal, please contact Heather Rogge. All are welcome!



## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for a light supper, fellowship, prayer, and discussion event in conjunction with A Place to be to Be Spirituality Center -- "Exploring the Women Mystics." These services will be held Wednesdays, March 9 - April 12. Light supper and fellowship from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Prayer and discussion from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We begin with a couple of questions:

- Are you living a life of depth and reality, or do you sometimes feel that yours is a superficial existence, that you live on the surface?
- Is God a living and breathing reality in the core of your being or merely a guy sitting on a throne in heaven?
- Are you experiencing the fullness of Christ or are you merely snacking and nibbling at Christianity?

If you've ever asked yourself questions like these and have not been entirely pleased with your answers, allow yourself to be introduced to some women who can show you a better way to live. Each week we will be introduced to, pray with, and learn from two women mystics while exploring our own mystical experiences, deepening our experience of and connection to our God.

Free will offering. Register in advance for the meal via this [link](#).

# MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We will be delivering all the donated socks to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. Thank you to all who contributed!



## Ozaukee Non Profit Center Grafton



## SALE ON LOTIONS & CANDLES

We continue to sell the lotions and candles to benefit the [Franciscan Peacemakers](#) organization. Look for them in the Fireside Room.

Please consider making a purchase to help support the fight against human trafficking. They make great Valentine's gifts!





# ***COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2022***

*SUBMITTED BY SUE SARVER*

Present: Heather Rogge, Sue Sarver, Joan Brecke, Kathy Tauben, Kaitlyn Watry

Open with prayer: Heather R

Council Minutes: Motion made by Kaitlyn W. to accept the January minutes, second by Kathy T. motion passed.

Treasurer report- Motion made by Kaitlyn W. to accept the Treasure report for January, second by Kathy T. Motion passed.

Pastor Report – Worship preparation, confirmation planning, phone calls and messages when appropriate. Intention to start in person visits if the covid cases continue to trend downward. Confirmation class is going well. Confirmation is set for Pentecost June 5th.

## Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- No report provided – Adult Faith Formation Sunday mornings 9:00

Stewardship: No meeting held

Worship: No meeting held. Lent services-meal provided before service March 2nd Ash Wed.

Building & Grounds: No report – Current Cleaning service contract will be terminated and will be looking to have new service to begin.

Caring- No meeting held; Prayer list being provided.

Missions- Future project toiletries bags for Bob Under The Bridge. Sale of lotions continue in the fireside room. Collection of Valentine cards were distributed and appreciated.

Pastors Relation- Next meeting 3/6/22

Reimaging Task Force- Next meeting 3/15/22

## Old Business:

Annual Report and Yearbook for UCC is complete – Thank you Joan and Carrie

Congregational meeting Feb. 27 following service

Heather will follow up with Audio Co to confirm we are still on the list.

## New Business:

Food Pantry request to add planters in the gravel area for fresh vegetables, to add Food Pantry sign on the fence area. Joan will check with the village on signage restrictions.

YMCA- area has been cleared for the YMCA.

Visitor Cards – At this time visitor cards when completed information remains confidential.

Follow up with visitors have been completed either by Pastor Susan or Gail W. Further discussion and review of the cards will be completed with Reimaging Task Force.

Motion to adjourn by Sue S. second by Joan B., motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

# ***CARING MINISTRIES***

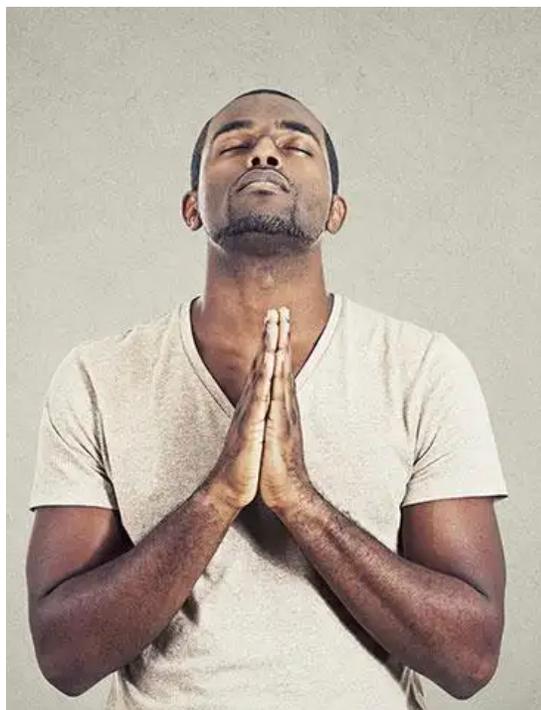
Our prayer team has 28 members ready to pray for you or your loved ones. Please see or email Gail if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Team. Our members receive an updated list each month and are asked to pray in their own way for a specific portion of the list. To call in a prayer request, please notify Jean Hamilton at 262-284-3734 / jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com or Gail Weigel at dweigel@wi.rr.com.

Look for the Prayer Family card on the round table in the Fireside Room, as well. Please sign the cards. You can add a brief message, if you wish.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through Fair Trade and handmade greeting card sales. These items are located on the shelf next to the office and are available for sale.

Communion Wafers—Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Be sure to look for the gluten free label on the baggie.

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 Families for March:

- March 6 - Mary Kiepert
- March 13 - Nancy Strehlow
- March 20 - Howard & Joan Brecke
- March 27 - Gail & Dan Weigel

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](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) or 262-284- 0588 and we can email or mail you an updated membership list with addresses.



# ***LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH GROUP UPDATES***

Thanks to our five wonderful congregations who gathered items for the Birthday kits. We had 18 youth and several adults that created 75 Birthday kits for the Saukville Food Pantry. The group met with Mark Gierach, the Executive Director and founder of the Saukville Food Pantry. Mr. Gierach let us know these kits get offered to families enrolled in the program. Once the group finished assembling the kits he gave a tour of the Saukville Food Pantry. We closed this event with a pizza lunch and little birthday trivia.

The (PWSEYM) Lighthouse group Birthday event was followed by the Focus Group meeting held at Parkside by the Lighthouse board. Pastor Kellen was the spokesperson/coordinator during the Focus Group meeting. Future Focus meetings in March will be announced as soon as possible.

See the next page for details on Stone Soup Event.



***Thank you for your donations!***

# ***LIGHTHOUSE STONE SOUP EVENT***

Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or when soup is done!)

Location: Christ the King (420 W. Whitefish Rd, Port Washington)

Come learn how to make vegetable soup that will be prepped, cooked, packaged, and delivered to local food pantries by Lighthouse kids.

Want to help? See below for list of ingredients needed.

Vegetable Soup Ingredients Needed:

- Vegetable broth (approximately 15-20 box containers)
- Carrots
- Peas
- Celery
- Green Beans
- Onion
- Corn



# ***MISSION OF THE MONTH*** ***ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING***



Put love into action. Give to One Great Hour of Sharing.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. 13:13



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.



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