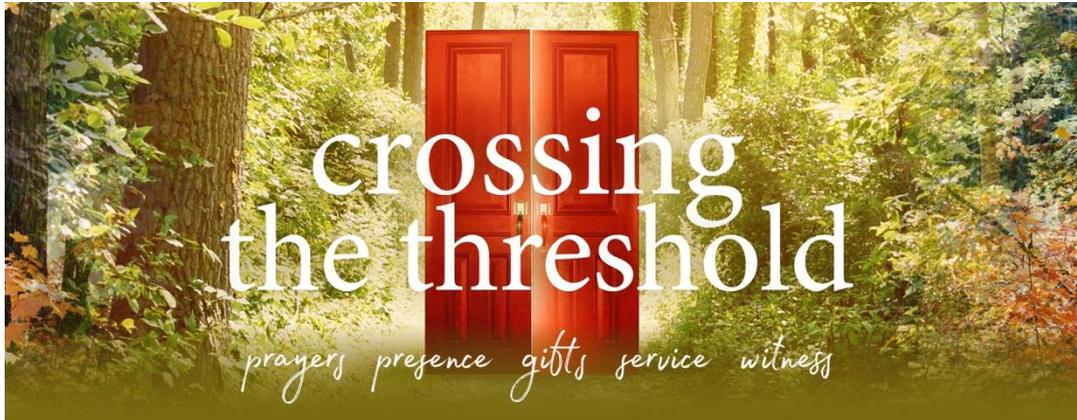


# THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021



By Naomi Siebert and Anita Rifkind

Fall is a time for reflection and thanksgiving, so it is fitting in our church life that this is also our Stewardship season. During the weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday on November 14, we will be reflecting on what it means to Cross the Threshold into relationship with God. We will explore how our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness enable us to draw closer to God and His heart which is our home.

When you think of crossing the threshold, what images come to your mind? Stepping from your home into the bright sunshine at the start of a new day? Starting a new school year and crossing the doorway for the first time into your new classroom? Beginning a new job and entering the office to meet the new team? Your much anticipated retirement and the joy and uncertainty that meets you as you spend your days gainfully unemployed?

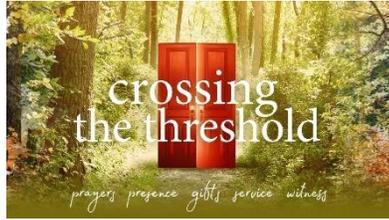
These are all circumstances that are met with a mix of emotions that can be overwhelming. How will we navigate these thresholds in our lives? What if these new beginnings are not what we hoped for? Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit that guides us through all of these situations and gives us the ability to persevere in the warmth of God's love. Our church family also walks beside us to cross the thresholds of life and gather together in our church HOME away from home, where WE ALL BELONG.

We hope you will spend these weeks of Stewardship exploring how you might enter God's home with even more resolve...to use your prayers to support those in need of encouragement and hope, to share your presence to help make a difference just by showing up, to offer your gifts of time, talent and treasure to bring God's kingdom on earth, to extend your heart of service to care for the least, the last and the lost and witness to God's saving grace as we draw closer to Him. What is God calling you to give to support PRCC and the ministries that we embrace as a church family? We are all able to make a difference by sharing our abundant love and grace with those around us. We hope you will join us on this journey.



# WORSHIP

ONLINE  
& IN-  
PERSON



[www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org](http://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

Fall Worship: 8:30 am Chapel Service inside, 10:00 am service outside on the Church Lawn through October. In case of poor weather, the service will move into the sanctuary.

October 3 - Welcome Home: Hospitality Fosters Peace  
Communion Sunday  
Pastor Mollie preaching  
Luke 10:1-11

October 10 - Welcome Home: Where We All Belong  
Police Blessing  
Children's Noisy Offering for CROP walk  
Luke 10:38-42

October 17 - Crossing the Threshold: Prayers  
CROP WALK SUNDAY  
Matthew 6:5-15, Philippians 4:4-9

October 24 - Crossing the Threshold: Presence  
CROP WALK SUNDAY  
Matthew 4:18-25, Isaiah 1:13-17

October 31 – Crossing the Threshold: Gifts  
Amos 5:21-24, Deuteronomy 6:5-7

## WAYS TO WORSHIP

You are invited to worship with us online via our Livestream Service or in-person at 8:30 am and 10 am. The Livestream service will be accessible on the church website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel for viewing live or anytime thereafter. The 8:30 am service will be held INSIDE. The 10 am service will be OUTSIDE on the Church Lawn.

## MASK POLICY

Masks are now required for all, regardless of vaccination status, while inside the building.

## NURSERY CARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Care has resumed on a as needed basis. Please contact the Church Office if you are in need of care for an upcoming Sunday. We are currently looking for Nursery Care help, if you are available, please contact Shelley or the Church Office.

## COMMUNION

On Sunday, October 3, we will receive communion. If you are watching from home, please take some time before worship to gather some bread and juice or wine. If you would prefer a pre-packaged wafer and juice, we will deliver it to you, upon request! If you are joining us in person, we will have individually wrapped elements for you. *We anticipate using the pre-packaged individual servings of communion for the foreseeable future.*

## WAYS TO GIVE:

Your giving to Park Ridge Community Church remains vitally important to keeping our building operating, our staff paid, and our ministries active! Thank you for your ongoing support. Just a reminder of the ways you can submit your financial contributions:

- Drop off or mail a check to: 100 Courtland Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068
- Sign up for automatic withdrawal from your bank account.
- Give through the Zelle app or Quickpay. Enter the email address:  
[giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)
- Give electronically through [PayPal on our website](#) (FYI: the church incurs a fee with each PayPal transaction)

## STEWARDSHIP

October 17<sup>th</sup> will launch the 2022 Stewardship Campaign, during which everyone will consider the ways they will give in 2022. Stewardship materials will be mailed to each household in early October with pledge cards for children, youth, and adults. Pledge cards will be available in the church or online, as well. If you do not receive this material, please contact the church office. Stewardship will culminate on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Consecration Sunday, when everyone will be invited to bring forth their pledge as we "Cross the Threshold." Questions about stewardship may be directed to Naomi Siebert, Vice-Chair of the Congregation/ Chair of Finance or Anita Rifkind, Treasurer.



# BILL ZOELLNER MEMORIAL CROP WALK

Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>



Calling all walkers! We hope to have at least 60 walkers from PRCC and raise \$10,000.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/park-ridge-community-church>

PRCC will be the stepping off point this year, welcoming walkers from throughout the community and rallying everyone as we work together to end hunger. Click the link above to register to walk or to donate to our team. You can also support us at the following fundraisers:

10/5: D’Agostino’s – 5 pm to 9 pm

10/13: City BBQ – 11 am to 9 pm



**CROP HUNGER WALK** ENDING HUNGER. ONE STEP AT A TIME **MAKE A LIFE DIFFERENCE**

**MY CROP HUNGER WALK IMPACTS: HUNGER**

- \$18** provides a CWS garden starter kit for a community in Nicaragua to grow their own food 
- \$22** provides 500 baby fish for a community fishery in Honduras 
- \$75** provides a welcome home meal for a refugee family on their first night in the United States 
- \$280** provides 2 acres of sweet potato vines in Kenya 

**EACH STEP YOU TAKE MAKES A LIFE DIFFERENCE! THANK YOU FOR WALKING!**

 25% of proceeds will benefit Local Hunger Fighting Agencies  **CWS** 75% of proceeds will benefit Church World Service

\*special thanks to the Cumberland County (NC) CROP Hunger Walk for developing this resource

# OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is an act of faith in our listening for God and in the sharing of our hearts. We are reminded of the home that PRCC is to us and each of us belongs here. In the knowledge of belonging to each other and God, we hold the following celebrations & challenges in our prayers.

Continue to include in your prayers all those on our prayer ministry list: Heather Cannon, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner.

***We also keep in our prayers the following September requests:***

## Life in the Resurrection

- Luan Zoellner asks us to pray for the family of Scott Begor, the son of one of Luan's very dear friends who died unexpectedly. Scott was 39 years old and his family is devastated.
- Sarah Young asks for prayers as her dear friend and colleague Jessica died of cancer after 3.5 years of fighting. She leaves behind a 3.5 year old little girl.
- Pastor Carol asks for prayers for a friend who is grieving after a miscarriage. We pray for all those who are too often silently struggling with pregnancy, fertility, miscarriage and medical decisions regarding their bodies.

## Healing and Recovery

- Baby Luca is home from the hospital and we pray for his little body that he would have continued weight gain, resolution to medical challenges and ultimately the removal of his NG tube.
- Tricia Williams's friend Kim appreciates the ongoing prayers as she prepares for stem cell treatment. We pray for her husband and two daughters as well as they offer support for their wife and mom.
- Luan Zoellner asks us to continue to pray for Erica C, who has been hospitalized with chemo related issues. We pray for her body, mind and spirit as she faces this newest challenge.
- Please continue hold Pastor Carol's aunt Megan, as well as her wife Michele, in prayer. Megan suffered a massive stroke on 9/3 and the road to recovery is going to be challenging.
- Keep Dave Swanson in your prayers as he recovers from emergency retina surgery out in Colorado.
- Sue and Dave Douglass celebrate the progress of their niece Amber as the first round of chemo was productive and baby Vivian is thriving. We pray for continued healing and recovery from cancer.
- Laurie and Tom Runtz ask for prayers for Tom's nephew

Brendan who has a brain tumor; Also, please pray for Laurie's sister and mother, both of whom have breast cancer.

- Bernice Zabawski celebrates that her great nephew Mike Burns, who was in the hospital with cardiac issues, is home recovering after having 2 stents placed. We pray for his continued healing.
- John Sasser asks us to pray with him for Leigh's brother in law, Rich. Rich is waiting for biopsy results and treatment options for the cancer his doctors recently discovered.
- Pastor Carol asks us to pray for a high school friend Nicky, who is hospitalized with double covid pneumonia and is a single mom fighting for her life in Nashville.
- Pastor Carol also asks for prayers for her grandmother, who is recovering from colon surgery.

## Joys

- On Labor Day, we celebrate the justice movements that provided protection for workers so that they might find balance between work and play, and we pray for the work ahead that all might receive a fair wage, knowing that too many still are working multiple jobs to simply provide the most basic needs.
- Jaclyn Weir celebrates her friends Elena and Justin welcomed their baby girl Denver into the world on Friday. We pray for her health and development, as well as her parents' healing and adjustment to life with a newborn.
- We celebrate family connections and especially Charlie Giera who got to facetime with his sister-in-law and niece. Charlie is celebrating that his birthday means he will get some additional time with his family this week!
- We celebrate with Bill Scharringhausen who was awarded the Legion of Honor award from Kiwanis for 65 years of service!
- We celebrate Pastor Angie Do and her ministry among us this year as our student intern.
- We celebrate the joy of Rally Day and all the new ministries beginning at PRCC.
- We prayed for our golfers that all would be blessed with straight drives and meaningful fellowship!
- Sue and Bill Cocagne appreciate all the love and prayers as they are selling their home and preparing to move.

## Our Nation

- We pray for individuals and communities dealing with the ravaging effects of fires, hurricanes, flooding, and war.
- Let us continue to hold in our prayers all of those in Afghanistan, those trying to find a way out, those who are being held against their will, those who face repercussions for their involvement with the US, and all of those who are in fear. We pray for God's presence and peace.



## THANK YOU!

Bruce and I want to thank our beloved community at PRCC for all of the concern and prayerful thoughts that came wafting our way during our recent struggles in July and August. When we were at the hospital ICU in New Hampshire with our younger son Keith, a very dark time, we absolutely felt the support of knowing you were with us in spirit. It was a palpable uplift that helped us make it through. Then, with Bruce's subsequent hospitalization at the Lutheran General ICU, we felt it again. We are happy to report that both guys are fully recovered and moving forward with normal life. And we are hoping to end our study of ICUs across the country without gathering further data.

We love you all!  
Karen and Bruce

## WALKING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed to lend an arm to anyone who might need a little support walking across the grass to the tent. We have a few members who find walking across the grass a bit difficult and would appreciate having a supportive presence next to them as they make their way to the worship area under the tent. Some might like an arm to hold on to or help carrying their chair. Others come without chairs so help setting out some chairs is also appreciated.

If you are available and able to help, please gather at the garage at 9:45 am to set up 6 folding chairs with arms. Then wait on the concrete next to the parking lot to be on the lookout for anyone who might appreciate someone to walk with. Please also check in with them after the service to walk them back to solid ground. If you have any questions, just reach out to Liz Swanson. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BAEAB2DA4F-B6-walking>

## UPDATING PRCC MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

We are updating our membership roll, which has become somewhat outdated. Soon we will distribute a link to an updated online listing of our membership. We encourage everyone to check and be sure you are included if you are a member. If your name is missing, please simply notify the church office, and the mistake will be corrected. If you notice folks who have moved or are no longer active, alert the church office so we can check with those households as to whether or not they wish to remain on our rolls. Thank you for your help in keeping our records current!

## COUPLES RETREAT 2021

Seven PRCC Couples will be heading to the Abbey October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, please keep them in your prayers over this weekend. We prayer for a time of renewal, fun, reconnections, and fellowship with other couples.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

We celebrate and pray God's blessing upon these birthdays...

- 10/5 Trevor and Logan Steele
- 10/6 Rachel Lapp
- 10/8 Fred Flener, Oliver Zweifel
- 10/9 Jim Sindt, Brandon Steele
- 10/19 Cheryll DeYoung
- 10/22 Mike Artrip
- 10/23 Darcy LeDuc
- 10/24 Dan Smith
- 10/25 Al Knoblauch
- 10/28 Gretchen Kapolnek
- 10/30 JoEllen Flener
- 10/31 Liz Ewald

If you or a loved one has a birthday that we have missed, please contact the church office so we can include you in our Sunday joys!

# SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Service of Remembrance will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This meaningful service, held at 7:30 pm, will include prayers, music, and reflection time to honor those individuals who have been a part of our community who entered life in the resurrection since November 2020. Any loved one, regardless of membership at PRCC, can be included. The names listed below will be honored at this service, please review the following list and let us know of any edits or additions:

Patrick Brooks  
Betty Carpenter  
Ric Eichin  
Caroline Dase\*  
Mark DuBrock  
Bill Farrell  
Gary Feurer  
Bill Fingl  
Constance Formosa  
Peter Gerritson  
Judy Hedberg\*  
Cindy Hibbard\*  
Sheila Hohann  
Lori Holland  
Fred Litrenti  
Jackie Kapolnek  
Susie Leonard  
Gale Harding Lyle  
Rick Mauery  
Dale McGuffey  
Sue Milburn\*  
Narnara Milosevich  
Jane Moody\*  
Mike Mooney

Helen Mulopulos  
Jim O'Brien  
Elvira Panarese  
Rae Patterson\*  
Shannon Pietroske  
Isabel Schmidt  
Gordon Smith  
Warren Wade  
Bill Zoellner\*  
Tammy Zorn

*We have prayed for the following persons and their families over the past year. However, additional information would be appreciated:*

Jerry  
Jessica  
Kathy  
Marcia  
Nicky's father  
Tim  
Uncle Gene

**\* indicates a member of the Congregation**



# BOARD UPDATE

By Tom Goodwin and Naomi Siebert

We are looking forward to gathering with the Board of Directors next on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The Executive Committee will be called to meet just prior to the Board, gathering at 6:30 pm.

**Covid Precautions** As your Board leaders, we are constantly watching the covid numbers and working together with our lay and staff teams to ensure we are responsibly caring for our community. According to state guidelines, we currently require all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to remain masked while inside our church building (the exception being if you are in an office or meeting room alone). Our children and adults leading children's ministry activities outdoors will remain masked. We are committed to holding worship outdoors at 10 am for as long as the weather cooperates. Our children's and youth ministry teams are similarly striving to offer activities outdoors as long as possible. We are continuing to livestream worship services and offer hybrid (zoom and in person) Bible studies. We encourage everyone who is able to get the covid vaccine, and ask those who feel ill to remain home. Together, we hope and pray that we will be able to safely offer in-person ministries for this year, though they may look a bit different. Thank you for your cooperation and collaboration in keeping everyone healthy and safe!

**The Pumpkin Patch and Youth Committees** are busily preparing for the arrival of pumpkins on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The team has added some new events for toddlers and children, is planning a Community Youth event for Halloween, live music, food, and more! We are excited for the ways this Pumpkin Patch is a ministry with our youth, with our church, for our community, and beyond!

**The Staff Parish Relations Committee** celebrates that they have completed all the staff's annual reviews, which was really a 2 year review since we did not do reviews in the middle of the pandemic.

**The Welcoming and Membership Committee** has been diligently working to find ways to reactivate members who have fallen away and invite new participants to join us in membership. We anticipate receiving new members in worship on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. They have partnered with staff to help track weekly attendance so that individuals and families who have been absent for a while will get a personalized contact.

**The Faith Development Committee** has kicked off the year with some brainstorming and inviting the age level committees to plan some new events to gather multiple generations to learn and grow together. Welcome to Darcy LeDuc and Terry Kallen who are new to stepping into their roles as leaders of this area.

**The Outreach Committee** is continuing to find ways for us to serve and care for those on the margins. They organized a school supply drive for migrant children and they have a

wonderful supply of personal toiletry items to donate. They are keeping close eyes on the devastating impacts of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, and refugee displacement to find ways for our congregation to plug in and offer support. This year's CROP Walk has been named the "Bill Zoellner Memorial Crop walk of PRCC" to celebrate the faithful example Bill Zoellner provided to our congregation in helping to put an end to hunger.

**The Finance Committee** has been not only tracking current income and expenses, but have also begun the work for this year's Stewardship Campaign, which will launch mid-October and culminate on Consecration Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Fellowship Committee** helped in running Rally Day and the Golf outing, and are now planning many more exciting ways for PRCC to play together over the course of the year.

**The Trustees** have spearheaded the extra careful preparation of our building and grounds as we reopen these spaces, and they have been working to get information on the repairs needed in the Great Hall. If you haven't seen the Great Hall in a while, you might have missed some of the water marks, which are not coming from our beautiful brand new roof! The Trustees engaged an engineer to evaluate, and have gotten a few bids for the work to be completed (probably in Spring of 2022). Many thanks to the diligence of this team in the ongoing care and preventive maintenance of our facilities.

**The Executive Committee** authorized the search and hire of a Part-time children's minister to partner with Shelley O'Brien to coordinate the ministries for children. We are still receiving resumes for the nursery positions, and we hope to have those roles filled soon.

**Celebrating September!** Sometimes we are so busy getting ready for the next thing that we forget to pause and celebrate where we have been. September was an exciting month, in which we: resumed two worship services; enjoyed a spectacular Rally Day with Deacons serving a beautiful meal and leading the bike parade, listened to the music of the CROP Walk concert, played some competitive cornhole, laughed at the carnival games, and more; our Fellowship team led a golf outing and dinner under the tent; the Pumpkin Patch got set up; we welcomed our new student intern Pastor Angie; led a community-wide vigil on 9/11; launched new bible studies, AND the choirs resumed their singing (bells resume in October)!! Thank you to each and every team and committee that has been so diligently caring for our church family! YOU are what makes this such a beautiful HOME, where we ALL belong! Thank you!



# FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATION

## MENS BREAKFAST

The time for Men's Breakfast is changing! Now, we will meet on **Thursdays at 9:30 am**. Each week, the men of PRCC are invited to gather for a time of fellowship and checking in together, as we drink coffee or share a pastry. This social gathering is held in the church library and also on Zoom.



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92395329399?pwd=UmlINOLzlk0YjB3QVVaWlNqdUYrZz09>

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## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

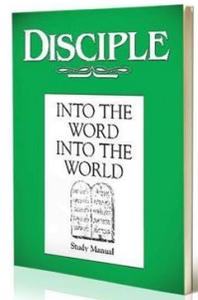
### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

While much remains uncertain about the year ahead, we are making plans, understanding that some plans may take a little while to fully live into. Adult Education remains an important way we grow in our faith as Christians and providing multiple opportunities to enrich our lives through study remains a priority.



## Sunday Morning 8:30 am

**Seeking a Facilitator!!** We are hoping to have a small group adult education hour from 8:30-9:30 am on Sunday mornings. We have curriculum available for some short term studies, but need a volunteer to facilitate the conversation. Would you be interested in either attending a Sunday morning class or facilitating or co-leading? Please contact Pastor Carol or the Faith development committee.



## Tuesday Afternoon 1:30 pm

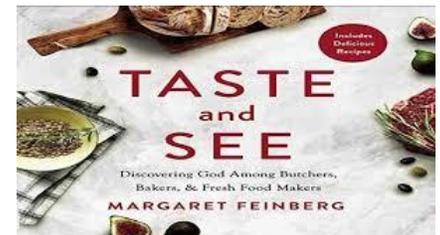
All are invited to join in *Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World* Bible study on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 pm. We will meet in the library with masks and distance observed, beginning on September 14. Pastor Carol and others will lead this study that encourages

study and consideration of the scriptures and how they impact our lives as we take those lessons into the world. Zoom participation is welcome as well  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81599270512?pwd=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQQWdPOW1aQT09>

## Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm

As a part of our Thursday night "Church Night" we are hoping to offer two adult education classes, but we will start with one.

Study: "Taste and See", contact the Church office if you would like to purchase a book.



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83091129872?pwd=QXFCSdVsWEhvNWUxOU5XZFlhNEVIZz09>

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## MEDITATION AND YOGA

**Yoga is back!** The Monday night class has resumed in the Great Hall at 7 pm. Chair Yoga has moved back onto Zoom for the time being - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9671602932> but keep an eye on your email, as the weather cools down we may return in person soon!

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# STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

By Anita Rifkind

*We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. 1 John 4:6 (NIV)*

Oddly, one of the outcomes of the physical restrictions of the pandemic appears to be that we have increasingly been transformed into a culture of voyeurs, in almost all of the ways that can be taken. We watch, instead of participating in, the lives around us. For example, several of the elderly people in our condo complex watch the lobby camera all day long! (And call the Condo Board President — aka Stuart — to complain when the cameras go down.) More of us observe the world in what we no doubt consider to be a more cultured way, although reality TV can hardly be considered that. Moreover, there is a very real way in which “live coverage” of various disasters is nothing more than a sophisticated lobby camera.

We seem to lurk in the shadows of other people’s outpouring of their souls. We are content with knowing about the “other” without needing to make any effort to share who we are with them. In fact, at some level, that is our intent, because such withholding is a way to maintain power and superiority. In that way it is much the same as keeping secrets. Knowledge, especially that which is not shared, is indeed power. The ability to know something about the other that can be used to manipulate them is the basis of spying. And spying is really nothing more than a kind of voyeurism. So when we watch “reality” TV we are hoping, perhaps, to feel connected with the fantasy, but also to feel superior to those whose lives over which we sit in judgement.

Voyeurism is also, however, a sign of weakness. Are we so unsure of our own value, our own contributions, that we must resort to pretending to participate while surreptitiously, and intentionally, failing to actually do so? What does it say about our own spiritual lives that we fear exposure of our truest selves?

Another compelling attraction of voyeurism is that it gives the watcher a sense of control. It is a false sense, undoubtedly, but attractive nonetheless. If we do not share our fears, our pain, our heartbreak, our needs, our desires, then we cannot be further hurt. We cannot be devalued. We cannot be disappointed.

But — and this I think is important — neither then can we be supported, comforted, accompanied, encouraged, or loved.

Engaging with a Stephen Minister in a relationship that exists in the context of our shared faith is in direct opposition to voyeurism. Speaking from one’s heart to someone who will respect that truth, honor those words, and be truly present in that moment — that’s the kind of relationship that Stephen Ministry wants to engage in. A relationship that empowers both the Stephen Minister and anyone in need of being listened to, really listened to. Being fully present to another person is what it means to love one another.

Do you know how loved you are? You can find out from Pastor Carol or Liz Swanson at 847-823-3164.



# FALL NEWS



## Volunteer Spotlight

## ARTS AND DÉCOR

Arts and Decor is seeking members to join its committee. Arts and Decor is responsible for the inside aesthetics of the rooms in our church. If interested contact the Arts and Decor chair at [marylynncollentine@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:marylynncollentine@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) Please reach out with any questions, thank you.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Welcome/Membership Committee will be hosting a NEW MEMBER SUNDAY on **Oct. 17 at the 10:00 am service**. Anyone interested in officially joining our PRCC family should contact the church office ([office@parkridgecommnitychurch.org](mailto:office@parkridgecommnitychurch.org)) or Sue Douglass ([suedouglass@hotmail.com](mailto:suedouglass@hotmail.com)).

Current members! Be sure Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come see what PRCC has to offer. And be sure to reach out and introduce yourself to some of the new folks who have already been visiting our church since we returned to in-person worship!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

So many members and friends volunteer their time to our beloved church. We are grateful for each and every one of them. Some people we see and hear about all the time but there are others behind the scenes and we don't always know about all that they do. Each month in our Volunteer Spotlight we say thank you to an individual, couple or group for sharing their time and talents. This also gives us the opportunity to share with members and newcomers a little bit of information about what our "generous stewards of God's gifts" are doing here at PRCC.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

Peter 4:10



This month we recognize

## LUAN ZOELLNER

Luan has been a faithful member and loving presence at PRCC since 1985! She is always eager to help and will undoubtedly put her full attention and heart into the job.

Luan is an active volunteer for the Medical Lending Closet. Providing a listening ear and an empathetic heart to all of those with whom she interacts.

She is probably most recognizable for all of her work that she does for the Lincoln Park Shelter as part of the Christian Outreach Committee. She cooks, packs, drives, and sometimes all of the above to ensure that we are present on our designated day to provide a meal.

Luan and her beloved husband Bill were both active in many of the past years Crop Walks, raising money and helping with volunteer efforts.

Luan is also an active member of the Senior Contact Committee providing mailings and small gifts to those that are homebound but still very much a part of the PRCC family.

She is also an active participant on the ONA subgroup helping the Justice Committee to move towards a vote to become Open and Affirming.

Luan asks for no recognition and is always silently there to help in way she can. Most recently, she was downstairs cleaning the trash can tops. She loves to do her part to help the great mission of our church family. We give thanks for you, Luan and the blessing you are, helping make PRCC a home where all can belong!



# FALL NEWS

## KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ AND BEYOND!

Kindred Spirits Café is open to anyone who has lunch time free each Tuesday! Come at noon or after chair yoga to eat and socialize in Jordan Hall. Please bring your sack lunch and we will provide dessert and beverages. You are welcome to come for Kindred Spirits Cafe and then stay for the afternoon Bible Study. Please contact Liz Swanson for more details.

10/5 – Celebrate October birthdays and hear from Sasha

10/12 – Police Chief Frank Kaminski & Pastor Carol will share about **FAITH & BLUE**

10/19 – Appreciation Day writing hand craft thank you notes

10/26 – **HALLOWEEN PARTY**



## KNITTING KNIGHTS

Thank you to all the crafters who helped with our new **HATNOTHATE** project. 25 hats were sent to help with the effort of standing up against bullying. The Knitting Knights have other crafting projects going on including helping to support the Pumpkin Patch! Please join us Saturday 10/9 at 11:00 am on the lawn and Monday 10/18 at 7:00 pm in Jordan Hall to catch up on what's going and get inspired for new projects. Reach out to Liz Swanson for more information.



# Faith And Blue

By Rev. Carol Hill

Law Enforcement and best practices of community safety have been a hot topic of conversation in the past couple of years, and long before that to be sure. How communities engage with police and how police officers engage with members of the community is important. Since becoming a chaplain with the Park Ridge Police Department, I have been honored to be in conversation with Chief of Police, Frank Kaminski, as well as many other of the men and women serving our community. I have been impressed with the level of candor and desire to work together to strengthen and serve our community. Geri Silic is the full time social worker who works for the Park Ridge Police Department, and she is regularly in contact with me and our local clergy in ensuring needs are met that come to the attention of the police department. Geri manages and distributes gift cards for groceries, gas, and public transportation to those in need. She also helps to problem solve when an individual or family faces hardship, and is in contact with all the churches when there's something we can do to help.

In October, there is a national effort to help build bridges between communities of faith and the police departments around the United States. During the weekend of October 8-10, there will be a variety of events that include opportunities to meet your local police and performing service work together in communities. Here in Park Ridge, there are a couple of efforts we are promoting. The police chaplains (and their congregations) will be grilling out at the police department, eating together and building relationships on **Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Our church is tasked with providing desserts to feed 60 people (CAN YOU HELP?). If you would like to participate, contact the church office. On Saturday, **October 9<sup>th</sup>** from 9-11 am, there will be a table set up at the Farmer's Market, at which residents are invited to interact with chaplains and police officers, sign your name on a banner of gratitude, and drop off items for the Maine Township Food Pantry.

At PRCC, our children will be helping with the banner of gratitude as well as drawing pictures to thank our police for serving our community, and Kindred Spirits Café will be welcoming officers and writing thank you cards during their gathering. We were blessed to include several officers in our 9/11 prayer vigil, and we will once again pray a blessing over our police in worship on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**, as a part of the Faith and Blue weekend.



*You're invited to*  
NATIONAL  
**FAITH & BLUE**  
WEEKEND

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th 2021      9:00 - 11:00 AM      PARK RIDGE FARMERS MARKET

Stop by the Faith & Blue table at the Farmers Market to meet Park Ridge police officers and chaplains, sign a Thank You card for our police, and drop off a canned good for the Maine Township Food Pantry!

*National Faith & Blue weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.*



## Join the PRCC Music Ministry!



### Choirs for all ages!

Junior Choir, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades on Tuesdays,  
4-5 pm

Angeli Choir, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, Sundays, 3-5 pm

Chancel Choir, for adults 14+, Thursday,  
7:30 pm

Please contact Sasha Gerritson, Director of  
Music Ministries, for more information.  
[sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

All are welcome!!!



# FALL NEWS



## CREATION CARE TEAM NEWS

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world,  
and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1*

The creation care team is making progress on some of our identified goals, a few of which are:

- Educating PRCC members on ways to be good stewards of our Earth at home and at church, to involve youth in our work and to increase recycling efforts at church.
- There is now space on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs coming from the Park Place room where you can find information about the environment and sustainability.
- We have a new member, Pam Berg from Wheel and Sprocket bike shop, who joined us on Rally Sunday.
- If you were at church on Sunday, Sept. 19, you saw the announcement from the Junior Green Team, which was outstanding. Thanks to Jenny Sanderson for getting this team started.
- At Rally Sunday, efforts were made to separate waste and recycle cans and bottles.



Let one of us know if you want to join our team.

*Ginny Jacobson, Jenny Sanderson, Mike Laginess, Liz Swanson, Karen Nelson, Karen Heckmann, Bill Barsanti, Bob Mack, Sharon Kemerer, Pam Berg, Tricia Williams*



## PRCC GOLF OUTING

Thank you to our Fellowship Team for another fun day of golf and time together!





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**NEW THIS  
YEAR!!!**



## THURSDAY KIDS CLUB

Thursdays are now family night at church. While the adults and youth participate in their studies, the PK - 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids will have their own time. We will play games, do projects, learn stories, and do homework. Anything goes! I'd love to hear feedback from those planning to go about what you'd like to do. There will be nursery care available as well.

## OUTREACH

We will continue to collect offering from the children during Sunday School for our various outreach projects. We will start the year collecting for the Crop Walk. On October 10, the kids will be doing a loose change noisy offering during the Children's Message, so be ready!

I'm looking forward to a great year. I am still looking for any adult wanting to have the fun and rewarding experience of guiding our Children in their faith journey in Sunday School. It's a lot of fun and the schedule can be flexible according to your availability. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Shelley O'Brien  
Director of Children's Ministry  
[sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)  
(773)263-8414

We had an amazing Rally Day to start off the new Sunday School year! It was a perfect day and our hearts were full seeing so many kids back! We have a lot to look forward to this school year. There's a lot going on. Any families with children ages 0-5th grade who are not receiving emails, please let Shelley know and she'll add you to the list. We have lots of things starting up!

## NURSERY CARE

There will be nursery care available for our youngest family members on Sundays during both services and Thursday nights from 6-9 to allow adults to go to bible study and choir.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Each Sunday after the Children's message, children will be dismissed to Sunday School. We will start the year outside in two groups, PK-2 and 3-5. Masks are required. As the

weather changes, we will move indoors to the Great Hall and Jordan Hall to continue to be able to safely distance. There will be lessons, activities, and crafts. While we are outside, the kids will be returned to the tent to find their families. If we are inside, you can pick them up from the halls. Please fill out a registration form.





# MEET PASTOR ANGIE

We welcome Pastor Angie Do to our Sunday School team. She will be joining different classes and getting to know all of our incredible kids.

**Angie Do** (she/her/hers)

My name is Angie.

I was born in South Korea and spent most part of my young and youth life there prior to my adventure in America.

I am married and we have two daughters. I studied at UIC majoring Health Information Management and am currently employed at NorthShore University Health System as a manager in Health Information Management.

Ever since my kids were young (now, they are 22 and 25), I have been involved in church such as Sunday school and youth group activities. Seeing how pastors and church were working slowly made me interested in church ministry and eventually led me to the Garrett seminary.

Because my passion has always been for children and youth, I chose Christian Education as my major at Garrett. Children are just fun to hang around with and I love their purity and divinity in their action, mind and heart. I believe each child is gifted with a great potential and it is such a joy to find it and help them see and grow with their vision and dream.

With my full-time job, I have been a part time student since 2013, and, in honesty, never imagined I could graduate. My dream is about to come true next year. I will be graduating in May 2022.

As for the church ministry, I have volunteered as both a Sunday school teacher and youth group leader for over 10 years. After I got into the seminary, I served at a Sunday School at a Mongolian church for 2 years from 2013 and then became a pastor over Children's Ministry at Salem Korean United Methodist Church in 2018 and served for one year.

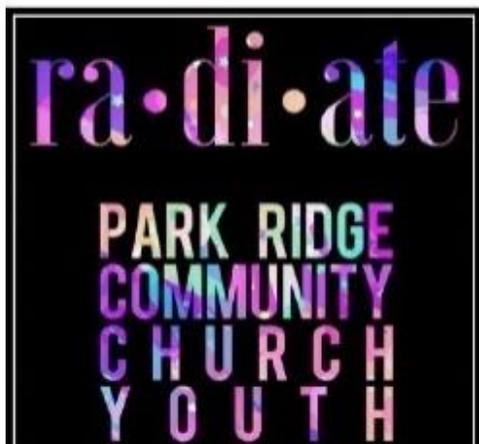
Lastly, I served an English-speaking congregation and youth group at Salem for two months during the summer of 2021.

I don't know exactly where I will be drawn to after completing my Christian Education degree. I have a lot of things that I want to do in my mind but will see.

As my last journey at Garrett, God gave me this wonderful opportunity to work at Park Ridge Community Church. I am completely overjoyed, thankful and excited to meet PRCC friends and work with them. I am ready to learn from PRCC and looking forward to a graceful time at PRCC. Thank you, God!

*Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.*  
Proverbs 22:6





# YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR: SEPT.-DEC. 2021

## SEPT.

SUN. 19: PLAY: WELCOME BACK!

- 11:30: LUNCH IN JORDAN HALL
- 12: GAMES IN GREAT HALL
- 12:30: BRAINSTORMING
- 1: GO HOME

SAT. 25: SERVE: PATCH SET-UP

- 9AM ON THE LAWN/ALL HANDS ON DECK!

SUN. 26: LEARN: PATCH TRAINING

- 11:30: LUNCH IN JORDAN HALL
- 12: GAMES IN GREAT HALL
- 12:30: PATCH TRAINING (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL YOUTH VOLUNTEERS)
- 1: GO HOME

SUN. 26: PARENT MEETING

- 1: GREAT HALL
- MISSION TRIP DATES REVEALED

## OCT.

SUN. 3: PLAY: TAILGATE!

- 11:30: GRILL LUNCH ON LAWN
- 12: BEARS GAME ON DRIVEWAY
- 12: INFLATABLE BUNGEE FOOTBALL! AND MORE GAMES!
- 1: GO HOME

SAT. 9: PATCH OPEN!

- 9: UNLOAD PUMPKINS/ALL HANDS ON DECK
- 1: SCHOOL OF ROCK CONCERT IN THE PATCH

SUN. 10: PATCH!

- 11:30: LUNCH ON THE DRIVEWAY
- 12-1: YOUTH IN THE PATCH! GAMES ON THE LAWN

SUN. 18: SERVE: CROP WALK

- 11:30: LUNCH ON THE DRIVEWAY
- 12: WORK THE PATCH
- 1: CROP WALK!

SAT. 23: DANCE IN THE PATCH

- 6:30: COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE!

SUN. 24: PATCH!

- 11:30: LUNCH ON THE DRIVEWAY
- 12-1: YOUTH IN THE PATCH! GAMES ON THE LAWN

SAT. 30: PLAY: PARTY IN THE PATCH!

- 7-8:30: HALLOWEEN PARTY

## NOV.

SUN. 7: LEARN/GROW: WELCOME HOME!

- 11:30: LUNCH IN JORDAN HALL
- 12: "EXODUS" REFUGEE SIMULATION
- 1: GO HOME

SUN. 14: SERVE/PLAY: FRIENDSGIVING

- 11:30-1: THANKSGIVING LUNCH AND GAMES WITH REFUGEE YOUTH

SUN. 21: NO YOUTH GROUP

- THANKSGIVING BREAK

SUN. 28: LEARN/GROW: ADVENT: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- 11:30: LUNCH IN JORDAN HALL
- 12: GAMES IN GREAT HALL
- 12:30: ADVENT SMALL GROUP HOT TOPICS
- 1: GO HOME

## DEC.

SUN. 5: SERVE: SANTA SHOPPING

- 11:30: LUNCH IN JORDAN HALL
- 12: DEPART FOR TARGET: SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS TOYS
- 1:30: RETURN TO CHURCH/GO HOME

SUN. 12: PLAY: CHRISTMAS PARTY!

- 10: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
- 11:30: LUNCH IN JORDAN HALL
- 12: GAMES IN GREAT HALL/WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE

SUN. 19: GROW: KINDRED SPIRITS

- 11:30: LUNCH IN JORDAN HALL
- 12: ACTIVITIES WITH KINDRED SPIRITS GROUP
- 1: GO HOME

SUN. 26: NO YOUTH

- CHRISTMAS BREAK

**WHO: 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

**PURPOSE:**

*A Christian community for youth to belong, building supportive and meaningful relationships through social activities, service projects, and discussing relevant topics.*

LEARN. SERVE. GROW. PLAY





**WHO: 7<sup>TH</sup> AND UP**  
**WHEN: THURSDAYS, 6-7:30, GREAT HALL**  
*\*Confirmation is a two-year program.*

### SCOPE AND SEQUENCE:

#### SEPTEMBER

16: WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?  
23: WHO AM I? MEET YOUR MENTOR!  
30: WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

#### OCTOBER

7: PASTOR CAROL: WHERE DO YOU STAND?  
14: PUMPKIN PATCH!  
21: FIELD TRIP WITH MENTORS! BAHAI TEMPLE  
28: SCRIPTURE: A MAD DASH THROUGH A GOOD BOOK

#### NOVEMBER

4: PASTOR CAROL: TEACH US TO PRAY: THE LORD'S PRAYER  
11: SHOULD I PRAY?  
WEEK OF 15<sup>TH</sup>: COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE W/ MENTORS  
25: NO CONFIRMATION: THANKSGIVING BREAK

#### DECEMBER

2: PASTOR CAROL: WHAT IS ADVENT?  
9: WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?  
16: WHAT IS FAITH? MENTORS  
23: NO CONFIRMATION: CHRISTMAS BREAK  
30: NO CONFIRMATION: CHRISTMAS BREAK

### PURPOSE:

*Elevate familiar Christian concepts into personal understanding and develop an ownership and commitment to grow in faith as a Member of Park Ridge Community Church.*



**WHO: CONFIRMED OR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
**WHEN: 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAYS, 6-7:30, HEAVEN**

### SCOPE AND SEQUENCE:

SEPTEMBER 23: INTRODUCTION

OCTOBER 7 & 21:  
WHO? MOSES  
HOW? MICAH 6:1-8  
ASSESSMENT: MYERS BRIGGS

NOVEMBER 4 & 18:  
WHO? AARON  
HOW? ROMANS 12  
APPLICATION: MYERS BRIGGS

DECEMBER 2 & 16:  
WHO? MARY  
HOW? LUKE 1:26-56  
ASSESSMENT: ENNEAGRAM

### PURPOSE:

*Discover individual leadership styles, how to collaborate with others, and utilize gifts through biblical leadership examples, team building activities, and spiritual gifts assessments.*



The Park Ridge Community Church Youth Pumpkin Patch empowers youth and cultivates multi-generational congregational community building through embodying the PRCC values of learn, grow, serve, and play. The Patch provides community outreach while offering a festive space for individuals, families, and neighbors to gather.

The fundraising efforts of this year's Pumpkin Patch will directly support the needs of a local not for profit organization, designated by the PRCC Youth. Additionally, these funds will assist PRCC and its Youth Ministries in continuing to serve the community and beyond. This coming June, our youth will be participating in a week-long mission trip with the Appalachia Service Project, working on home repairs for residents in the central Appalachian region.

## Volunteer in the Patch!

There are lots of ways you can contribute to help make this event a success! Sign up for your shifts via the Sign-Up Genius: link

[!https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-2021](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-2021)

- Pumpkin Unload: Saturday, October 9th at 9:00 am
- Pumpkin Sales: October 9 - October 31
- Patch Take Down: Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 am

*For more Patch information, contact:*

Hillary Larson: [hkharp@comcast.net](mailto:hkharp@comcast.net)

Pastor

Mollie: [pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

*Specific Volunteer questions, contact:*

Paula Mack: [pcbmack@gmail.com](mailto:pcbmack@gmail.com)

Andrea Goodwin: [adrewganis@gmail.com](mailto:adrewganis@gmail.com)

## Events in the Patch!

Join us in the Patch throughout October with NEW opportunities for fun and fellowship!

- **10/9 at 1pm: Rock the Patch**
  - Featuring [School of Rock Park Ridge](#)
- **10/11 at 9am-10am: Kids in the Patch**
  - Featuring Yoga with Cindy, pumpkins, stories with [Park Ridge Public Library Children's Department](#) and songs with [PRCC Musicians](#)
  - Recommended for kids ages birth - 10
  - \$5 per child, to include a mini pumpkin to decorate!
- **10/18 at 9am-9:30am: Toddlers in the Patch**
  - Featuring songs and stories with the [Ridge Public Library Children's Department](#) and [PRCC Musicians](#)
  - Recommended for kids ages birth - 5
- **10/23 at 6:30pm-8pm: Dance in the Patch**
  - A night of Square Dancing Lessons and do-si-doing in the Patch!
  - BYOB
  - ALL AGES Welcome!
  - Donations accepted
- **10/30 at 6:30pm-8pm: Party in the Patch**
  - Halloween Party for all Park Ridge Youth, grades 6 - 12, via the [Ministerial Association of Park Ridge](#)
- **Snacks in the Patch**
  - Come by our concessions stand on Saturdays and Sundays for treats from our neighbors at [Off the Wall](#), [Dolcetti](#) and [Sweet and Tart!](#)





September, 2021

Dear Friends,

Park Ridge Community Church (PRCC) will be hosting its **18th Annual Pumpkin Patch** from October 9th- 30th. We will be selling more than 2,000 pumpkins and gourds grown in Illinois! Proceeds from the patch will benefit the PRCC Youth Ministry Fund – which supports various outreach programs, youth events, and mission trips. This year we will be sharing a portion of the Patch proceeds with the Maine Township Food Pantry in Park Ridge.

The Pumpkin Patch has been a huge success since it started in 2004. Over the years, Park Ridge merchants and residents have participated as sponsors through their generous donations. Families from Park Ridge and surrounding communities have made the Pumpkin Patch a fun, fall destination. Won't you join us in sustaining this great event?

Sponsorship Opportunities:

❖ **\$200+ Platinum Pumpkin**

- *Receive one 24"x18" sign for your business/lawn plus one sign with your name will be displayed on the Patch lawn for the duration of the sale*
- *One entry to win a Park Ridge Gift Certificate valued at \$150*

❖ **\$100 Golden Gourd**

- *Receive one 24"x18" sign for your business/lawn plus one sign with your name will be displayed on the Patch lawn*

❖ **\$50 Silver Scarecrow**

- *Receive one 24"x18" sign for your business/lawn*

**All sponsors will be featured in our social media posts for the duration of the sale.**  
**Deadline for sponsorship donations is September 29th, 2021.**

With the Patch's central location on Prospect between Butler Place and Crescent Avenue, the community visibility is great!

We will be following safe distancing rules in the Patch and will have shields at our check out area. Volunteers and guests will be asked to wear masks while in the Patch.

We hope you are looking forward to this event and we look forward to your consideration for sponsorship support. If you would like any additional information on the Patch, please visit our website at [www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org](http://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org) or call the church office at 847-823-3164. We will look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Hillary Larson  
Pumpkin Patch Co-Chair

Pastor Mollie Foster  
Pumpkin Patch Co-Chair

Jay Crowley  
Pumpkin Patch Sponsorship Chair

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

**WE ARE 70% OF THE WAY THERE!  
HELP US REACH 100 BACKPACKS!!**



**We are so grateful to Cindy Klimmeck and the yogis and others in our church family for donating close to 70 backpacks for Maryville's Unaccompanied Minor Program. Can you help us reach our goal of 100? There is still time to donate a good quality backpack. Simply drop it off in the Park Place room. A little bit about the program:**

Maryville Academy provides temporary shelter care and other child welfare services for immigrant children primarily from Central America. It is a federal program of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The majority of children are between the ages of 13 and 17 and have arrived at the border unaccompanied by an adult. Maryville provides shelter for roughly 600 children a year.

The children are in need of backpacks. They arrive with the clothes they are wearing and receive donations of clothing, toiletries, etc... but have nothing to transport the items in. *Good quality backpacks with padded backs that will last for a year have been requested by Maryville.*

## **EXODUS WORLD SERVICE PRESENTATION – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 7:00pm**

Exodus World Service mobilizes the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees. They are expecting a sharp increase in refugees arriving this fall, including Afghans who put their lives at risk by helping the US. Join us at the next Christian Outreach Committee meeting to learn more about this Park Ridge based organization and how we can help.

## **ON GOING COLLECTIONS:**

We will collect the items listed below for our outreach partners: Jeanine Schultz Memorial School in Park Ridge, Maryville Academy's Jen School in Des Plaines, and The Bridge Project. All items may be dropped off in the appropriate labeled bins in the Park Place Room.

### **Cleaning Supplies**

Hand Sanitizer – Large  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Individual Kleenex Boxes  
Paper Towels  
Multipurpose Cleaning Spray  
Protective Gloves

### **School Supplies - Middle School and High School**

Backpacks  
Ball Point Pens – Black, Blue, Red, Purple, Green  
Pencils, Erasers and Sharpeners  
Mechanical pencils, Colored pencils  
Highlighters and Markers  
Spiral notebooks and Composition books  
Loose leaf paper and computer paper  
Ruler - metric measurements  
Pocket folders  
Index cards, ruled and unruled  
Calculators

### **CANS OF CARE**

Food donations can be dropped off in the Park Place Room, donations are taken weekly down to Maine Township Food Pantry. We are always looking for volunteers to take donations for us, if you are interested, contact the Church Office!

### **Monetary Gifts**

If you're unable to shop but still wish to give, we can do the shopping for you! You may U.S. mail a check\*, drop off a check\* in the mail slot on the Courtland side of PRCC, or give online through the PRCC website.

\* Please be sure to make a note on the MEMO LINE of your check: *Community Outreach*

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## **LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Prepare various parts of a meal in your home that will serve 35 people at Lincoln Park Shelter and/or volunteer to deliver the meal on our assigned date. Our next assigned dates are **October 7<sup>th</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

If you can help, please visit PRCC website to avoid duplication of efforts/food selection.

**Questions about any of these outreach opportunities can be directed to [outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).**

# PRCC COMMUNITY NEWS

## what's the good word?

By resident and Park Ridge Kiwanis President Kris Cichowski

# Park Ridge KIWANIS

*honors Bill Scharringhausen,  
65 years of service*

It's a super day for Kiwanis of Park Ridge! Anyone who has had the privilege of working alongside Bill Scharringhausen knows that he is *one of a kind!* As a three-generation Kiwanian, Bill began his path to greatness as a child working alongside his father and grandfather to acquire and live by Kiwanis values. Bill formally joined Kiwanis of Park Ridge on August 1, 1956! Bill's countless hours of community service, leadership, and mentorship have benefited thousands of individuals. The impact of his good deeds and work would fill an encyclopedia.

Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to Bill as we bestow to him the **Legion of Honor Award in recognition of his 65 years of unwavering dedication and participation to Kiwanis of Park Ridge.** This distinctive recognition signifies admiration and gratitude of our club, district, and Kiwanis International.

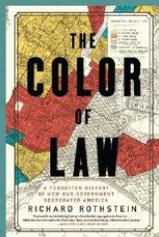
Please join me in celebrating and thanking Bill for all he has done to improve the lives of children in our community and beyond.

**Editor's note: WTG, Bill! Positively Park Ridge proud!**



What's the good word, Park Ridge? We would love to hear from you with your good news! Email [parkridgeliving@gmail.com](mailto:parkridgeliving@gmail.com) with submissions.

Kris Cichowski presents Bill Scharringhausen with the Kiwanis Legion of Honor Award.



## THE COLOR OF LAW & REVERSING SEGREGATION

virtual author event with

**RICHARD ROTHSTEIN**

**Wednesday, October 13 | 7:00-8:00pm**

Author and researcher Richard Rothstein explains the policies that led to racial segregation across America and what can be done to reverse these practices and work towards racial equity.

Virtual

Sponsored by the Park Ridge Library, visit <https://parkridgelibrary.libcal.com/event/7939052> for more information.

# RALLY DAY 2021

Thank you to everyone for making this year so special! And a HUGE THANK YOU to the Deacons and Fellowship for all of your hard work and planning!!



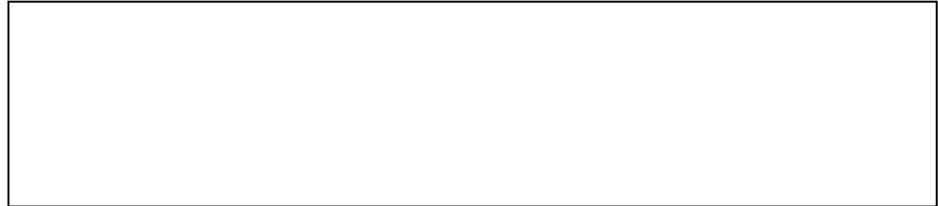






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