

THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

October 2019

"In the Buddhist community of Plum Village, Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese monk, periodically rings a Mindfulness Bell. Upon hearing the bell, everyone stops, and takes three silent, mindful breaths. Then they are free to continue their work, awakened ever so slightly by the Sabbath pause of mindfulness. We can choose anything to stop us like this - the telephone ringing, a stoplight when we are driving, whenever our hand touches a doorknob, before we eat or drink. Choose one common act during your day to serve as a Sabbath pause. Whenever this arises - whenever you touch a doorknob or hear the telephone - simply stop, take three silent, mindful breaths, and then go through the door or answer the phone. See how it changes you to take these tiny Sabbath moments every day."

- Wayne Muller, *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in our Busy Lives*



Fall is here! The leaves are beginning to change, decorations for Halloween are emerging, sweaters and jackets are needed...and we can feel the pace shifting in our souls if we stop long enough to feel it. The changing of the seasons is a holy moment, I think. It's as though through the transition from one season to the next, God invites us to pause and sync our rhythm with the divine rhythm. The changing of colors might invite us to consider the ways we've changed over the past season, lessons learned, hurts felt, joys celebrated. As the leaves fall to the earth,

may we hear an invitation to let go of anger or bitterness that might weigh us down. As the temperature cools and we bundle up, may we recall the ways that God holds us close to bring warmth and comfort. The Buddhist tradition invites practitioners to be mindful, and I think the practice of mindfulness could be fruitful as we get in touch with the Divine. As you notice the changing of the seasons - allow God to whisper to your soul.

I will join our youth and adults at the Pumpkin Patch, setting up, hanging out, selling pumpkins, and celebrating the ways that the entire church community rallies behind this annual event that benefits not only the youth, not only our church, but the entire community. I praise God for the peace and joy that is shared as young and old come and find the perfect pumpkin or gourd. I love that the funds raised really help make mission possible for our youth, and that a full 10% tithe supports our church's ministry budget. This singular event is ministry itself and enables future ministry! I know it's a lot of work, and I encourage each and every one to sign up to help - because it's work, but also a joy and holy ground. While you're at the patch, practice mindfulness - notice the people; see the worries and aches of the day melt away as a child bounces through the patch spreading laughter all around; soak in the wonder and beauty of nature in the variety of pumpkin colors, shapes, and sizes; allow God to give you rest right then and there.

October is also the time for our CROP Walk, and this is the 50th year of CROP Walk in our area. I am so proud of PRCC's history and commitment to ending hunger. My kids and I have walked each year with our churches, and I look forward to walking alongside you. Our goal, that we hope to exceed, is to have 45 walkers and raise \$8,000!! So, sign up today and support our efforts to support local and global efforts to feed the hungry. While we are walking, I am hopeful we will practice mindfulness too: seeing the clouds, watching the trees, and seeing God in our community at work.

Every day is an opportunity to commune with God, and the Fall is a special season for doing just that! I hope and pray that we will all find time to pause, take three deep breaths, and be in the presence of our Almighty God!

- Pastor Carol

WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH US IN OCTOBER

October 6 **Judaism**
(Food Collection) Holy Communion
World Communion Day

October 13 **Islam**
Pumpkin Patch Unload

October 20 **Orthodox**
New Member Sunday
Crop Walk

October 27 **Bahai**

- Nursery Care is available each Sunday for infants through 5 years.

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 20th – step off is at 1:00 pm

During the Chipotle Fundraiser, \$428 was raised for the Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk! To learn more about Crop Walk or to register to walk or donate, visit the Crop Walk page on the church website. Our next fundraising opportunity will be Wednesday, October 2nd at Graziano's in Niles 11 am – 9 pm

Fundraising Event for Crop Hunger Walk

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 11am – 9pm



chicago's original wood fired pizza since 1994
www.grazianosrestaurant.com
5960 west touhy avenue niles, il 60714
847-647-4096

- Dine-in, or
- Carryout ONLY if call in order (no online order discount on day of fundraiser)
- Make sure you mention Crop Walk when you order!
- Our walk will receive 20% of receipts!

MULTI-GENERATIONAL SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 9/15 Multi-generational Sunday. Special thanks to artists; Doris Sikorsky and Molly O'Brien who created the bulletin cover artwork and to Steffi Beery and her granddaughter Olivia Kubicek for sharing the poetry and artwork that accompanied that. We are grateful to our worship leaders: prayer buddies Sandy Bowen, Aiden & Layla Chacko, Dick Collentine, Winnie Ericksen, Eddy Dase, Alyane Richards and Thom and Luke Goodwin. Thank you to the Chancel and Bell Choirs too! What a meaningful celebration of all ages of faith!

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FIELD TRIPS

Join a small group as we dive in deeper to understanding other religious traditions and how they impact or inform our own beliefs and perspectives. Monday mornings at 10 am or Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, we will journey through Rev. Adam Hamilton's *Christianity and World Religions*. Some upcoming field trips include:

Islam

Sunday, October 13, from 12:15 - 2 pm, we will head over after worship concludes! PRCers of all ages - Seniors, Confirmands, and everyone in between, are invited to visit the Jamatkhana Ismaili Center, 100 Shermer Rd., Glenview Illinois for a time of learning and conversation. We will eat a light lunch together, hear a presentation of Islam 101, and have time for questions and answers.

Baha'i

Saturday, October 26th. We will meet at the Temple, 100 Linden Ave Wilmette, IL 60091, and attend their Presentation on the Baha'i Faith at 1:00 pm. If you would like to participate in their Afternoon devotions at 12:30 pm you are welcome to before the presentation.

PARK RIDGE WOMEN'S INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 10 am to noon

"The Golden Rule and How We Live It". Three women of the Arabic faith will share their personal stories on living the Golden Rule. A lovely breakfast is served. Treat yourself and bring a friend! Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door.



OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

October begins a season to come together in fellowship and connect through our faith. We continue to pray for each other and for these specific pray requests:

Continue to include in your prayers all those on our prayer ministry list: Martha Bridges, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Jim Lego, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Pauline Numrych, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Ginny Sutton, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

We also keep in our prayers the following August requests:

Life in the Resurrection

- We continue to pray for Janet Johnson's friend Joan who is in hospice care and who has since entered life in the resurrection.
- Julie Bruno asked for prayers for the family and friends of her high school friend who is now grieving the loss of her sister who battled cancer for 40 years.
- Prayers for the McGuffey grandparents whose dog Lily recently passed away.
- Beth Parsch asks for prayers for the friends and family of Ginny. Ginny and Beth had been friends for 65 years.
- Please continue to pray for the friends and family of Jim Reeder whose life was celebrated at PRCC on 8/31.
- We keep Cathy Thompson in our prayers as she grieves the loss of her father Armand Landerghini who entered life in the resurrection on 8/21.
- Please pray for Andi Taglia, whose mother Ginny entered life in the resurrection on 8/28.
- Please pray for the friends and family of Greg McDonough who entered Life in the Resurrection on 8/2.
- Prayers with the family and friends of Molly Creely, daughter of former Field School Principal Kathy Creely, who recently passed away after suffering a cardiac event at her brother's wedding.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Roy Schwabe, former PRCC member who entered life in the resurrection on September 10, and whose life was celebrated by Pastor Carol at Nelson Funeral Home on Sept. 14.
- Prayers for Brian Keady, whose older brother Fred suddenly passed away this week.

Healing and Recovery

- We hold in our prayers all those impacted by hurricane Dorian.
- Ginny Feurer asks for prayers for her friend Phil whose wife Mary Ann who will be facing serious surgery this week
- Please pray for a family member who is struggling with

addiction and the immediate family suffering the effects of this illness.

- Angie Pappasavas asks for prayers for peace in her home among her feline children.
- Janet Johnson invites prayers for 2 year old, Axl Turner who was recently air lifted to Children's hospital with a tumor on his kidney.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Happy Anniversary to Bill and Tricia Williams in September!
- A very happy 9th birthday to Jackson McGuffey in September.
- Wedding Anniversaries included the Zuegel's 65th; Janet & Gary Johnson 45th; the Hayes 36th and both the Biedke's and Curtis's 22nd wedding anniversary
- Bill Scharringhausen and Max Chandler both celebrating birthdays on 8/26.
- Paul Rauch celebrated his 85th birthday last month.

Joys

- It's a great joy to Rally Back together after the summer break, to celebrate Pastor Mollie's first day and to remember that one year ago Pastor Carol was called to serve this congregation as our Senior Minister.
- Charlie Giera wishes everyone a happy Labor Day
- Thank you to all those who made it possible to worship outside over the summer!
- We welcome in worship today, Pastor Mollie Foster and her parents as well Maddie Johnson and the Baker family.
- Please pray for all the Chicago Public school students & teachers who will be returning to school on 9/3
- What a joy to celebrate the Junior Choir Camp last week and in worship on 8/25!
- The Zoellner family welcomes their newest grandchild Eleanor Ruth on 8/20.
- The Klimmeck family celebrated the wedding of Pat and Colleen married on 8/17.
- We celebrate the ministries of Kate Joyce and Darcy LeDuc and the ways they have blessed our youth and whole congregation.
- We bless and commission those teaching Sunday School in the year ahead.
- Joy of sharing in Multi-Generational Sunday and the blessing of this community of faith!
- We celebrate Charlie Giera's 60th birthday is coming up on Sept. 25.
- Ginny Feurer gives thanks for the love and support as she walks with the Les Turner ALS Walk in honor of her sister, Carole Nelson.

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

All Saints Day is Sunday, 11/3 and our traditional Service of Remembrance will be 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend this meaningful service to honor the memory of your loved one who entered life in the Resurrection over the last year. Below are those to be named, please take this time to review spelling or to add any additional information. If your loved one is not listed and you would like to include them, please contact the office.



Annette Ad
Janice Berg
Ken Bratt
Janis Browning
Sevryn Bruyn
Rev. Alison Cheek
Mary Alice Dixon
Bob Douglass
John Douglass
Rett Evans
Ginny Farrell
Catherine Flannery
Diane Gallentine
Gudmundur Valur Hauksson
Horst Graessle
Irene Ginger
Barb Halliday
David Hibbard
Ann Higgans
John Hoffman
Judy Jolie
Jim Kaiser
Fred Keady
Lee Konken
Ann Maire Lagoni
Irma Lambert

Armand Landerghini
Kevin McKee
Carolyn Merrifield
Greg McDonough
Charles McGowan, Jr.
Emily Nelson
Carole Nelson
Lynn Nelson
Kelly O'Donnell
Mel Pirok
Robert Pritz
Jim Reeder
Celia Scieurba
Doris Seigel
Roy Schwabe
Mike Skalena
Heidi Smith
Tim Thalhammer
Nancy Zuegel
Roy, a friend of Charlie Giera
Millie, a friend of Janet Johnson
Ginny, a friend of Beth Parsch
Ginny, Andy Taglia's mother
Joan, a friend of Janet Johnson

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:15-17 (NSRV)

Did you ever hear the old saying that every book you lend out that doesn't get returned to you ends up in your library in heaven? If that is true, in heaven I will have Our Bodies, Our Selves, Thomas Merton's Asian Journal, and multiple copies of Speaking the Truth in Love, one of the books used in the training of Stephen Ministers. Every time we have a training class I have to buy a new copy because I found it to be so valuable that I have loaned it to several people.

If you know me, you will find it amusing that the subtitle of the book I find so useful is "How to be an Assertive Christian." Truth be told, the book is more directed towards those who have trouble finding their voices. However, it is also valuable for those who may have trouble communicating assertively and lovingly at the same time. (Ahem) Basically, the premise is that being a pushover is no more proper for a Christian than is being aggressive.

As I was putting the recovered book away on my bookshelf, I found the copy of Governance and Ministry I'm supposed to be reading. (Actually, the whole Board of Directors is supposed to be reading it.) It is sitting on a pile of other books I'm supposed to be reading, including The Rule of St. Benedict that I just discovered was a gift for Christmas in 2009.

I have started both of them. The problem is, anything even remotely more interesting (like doing laundry or answering a phone call from someone selling me cheaper electricity) is sufficient distraction to cause me to abandon the effort. I know I would learn a lot from reading one or both of them. I know I would grow a lot from reading one or both of them. Apparently, I don't want to; I have no other excuse.

In Ephesians 4:15-17 from which the title Speaking the Truth in Love is taken, Paul is either saying that he himself is

speaking to the Ephesians in love concerning their need to grow into Christ as a community of faith, or he is instructing them that being open, and honest, and loving in our relationships is the way we individually and collectively grow. (Interestingly, what little I have read from Governance and Ministry and The Rule of St. Benedict makes that identical point. Unfortunately, each takes about 300 pages to make it.)

One of the hidden messages in Speaking the Truth in Love is that before we can speak the truth to others, we must first be willing to acknowledge what that truth is in ourselves. We can't say the words necessary to explain what is in our heart unless we are willing to acknowledge what it is that we are feeling in the first place. Nor can we do anything in love, if we are unable to love ourselves – if we are unable to discern that part of us that God loves.

Part of being a Stephen Minister is to look openly, and honestly, and lovingly at ourselves and others, and to do that without judgement, without preconceptions, without evangelism. It is not easy, but it is the essence of what we do. It is what is necessary in order to walk beside someone who needs a companion, to be in the moment with someone who needs to be heard, to let others find their own way on life's journey.

If you need someone to be beside you, listen to you, and walk with you, call Pastor Carol (847-823-3164) or Ginny Feurer (847-840-7082). If you think that part of growing into Christ is leading you to Stephen Ministry, contact any Stephen Leader (Ginny, Liz, Katie, Peggy, or me) for more information. If you would like to borrow Governance and Ministry or The Rule of St. Benedict, I'd be overjoyed to have them returned to me in heaven when I just might find the time and inclination to finish them.





FALL NEWS

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday's for lunch in Jordan Hall. We gather about 11:45 to learn, grow and share a meal together. Just bring your sack lunch and we will provide a delicious dessert and beverages. October festivities are as follows:

10/1 – October Birthday Celebration & Bingo

10/8 – Crop Walk Information

10/15 – Maryville Academy and Outreach Efforts

10/22 – Carolyn Joesten's presentation on Katarina von Bora (wife of Martin Luther)

10/29 – Halloween Party with Food For All

If you need more information or have questions, please call Liz Swanson.



Thank you to Ann Swindell for making personalized KSC lunch bags!

WALL OF SOUND

Coming in November, more details to come!

SAVE THE DATE!

Please save the second weekend in February for our Women's Retreat. More information will be coming soon but if you are thinking you would like to be a part of this event, please let the office know. This will help us with the planning and allow us to get the registration details to you as soon as possible.

KNITTING KNIGHTS

The Knitting Knights are looking for people to make hats of all sizes, pumpkins for the patch and so much more. Yarn & patterns are in containers outside my office on the stage please help yourself. And be sure to join us in Jordan Hall on the following Monday nights:

Mondays at 7:00 pm on 10/14 and 10/28

We will also be meeting 11/4 and 11/8 to prepare for the SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS on 11/20.



CIRCLE 10 NEWS

Circle 10 Women are hosting an event for the women of PRCC and their friends.

You are invited to attend the *Spirit of Christmas* dinner at the Park Ridge Country Club on Wednesday, November 20 from 5:00-9:30PM.

There will be a buffet dinner, fellowship with friends and time for holiday shopping with some unique vendors.

Wine will be available for purchase and there will be home-baked desserts.

Tickets are \$30 and will be on sale on Sundays between services from 9:15-10AM beginning October 6. Tickets can also be purchased in the church office during the week.

Reserve tables early if you have a group and you want to all sit together.

It's going to be a fun night; we hope you'll join us!



YOGA/MEDITATION CHANGES

While Cindy is on vacation, please note the following changes: Monday night meditation has been cancelled indefinitely.

Friday morning meditation will resume on October 18th.

Monday evening yoga will not be held on September 30th but them will continue as normal and Tuesday morning yoga will continue as normal. Contact Jaclyn with any questions.

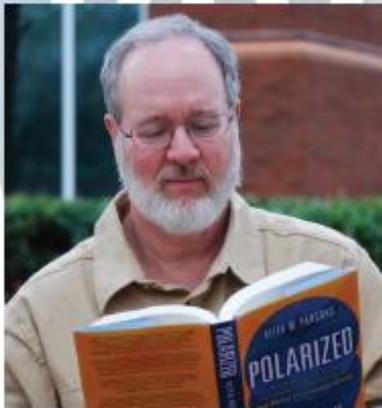
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Action Ridge Invites You To A Special Presentation:

A discussion of the groundbreaking book

POLARIZED

by the authors.



Paris Donehoo, Pastor Emeritus of Elgin First Congregational Church

Disagreement Without Disdain

Finding Common Ground in Divided Times

Come to hear and discuss the ideas offered in the book 'Polarized'. Polarized was written by an atheist philosopher and a Protestant minister with a goal of finding common ground in divided times. The authors will lead a discussion and highlight the importance of truthfulness, civility and community engagement at a time of polarized politics. This example of reasoned discussion between two friends shows that communication and respect are possible between people of good will.

The public is welcome

When: Wednesday, October 16, 7 PM

Where: Park Ridge Community Church
100 S Courtland Ave, Park Ridge, IL



Keith M. Parsons, Prof. of Philosophy at University of Houston-Clear Lake

Action
RIDGE

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON:

UNDERSTANDING AND CARING FOR THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA DISEASES

PRESENTED BY THE STEPHEN MINISTERS OF PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH



**Tuesday, October 29th 7:30 pm – 9:00
pm featuring Dr. William Rhoades.**

William Rhoades, DO FACP is a geriatrician and Chair of the Department of Medicine at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. He will be talking about Alzheimer's disease and associated dementias, including diagnosis, treatment options, and research updates.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?!

Our Membership Team, co-chaired by Sara Born and Sue Douglass, would love to welcome you to Park Ridge Community Church. Perhaps you've been attending for a while or maybe you've just found us...no matter how long it's been, we are happy to welcome you into membership. We will have a couple opportunities to formally join PRCC coming up.

You're invited to an **Information Session** on Monday, September 30 at 7 pm in the church Parlor. We will receive new members on **Sunday, October 20 in worship!** If Park Ridge Community Church is your church home, we'd love to count you among those who have made the decision to become a member!

Just a reminder to current members - PLEASE wear your nametags on Sundays to help everyone get to know one another better. Also, we need pictures in our online directory. We can take your picture on a Sunday or you can email Jaclyn any favorite photo. This tool helps us to recognize one another and know our whole church better!

COFFEE HOUR – Hosts Wanted

In between services and after the 10 am worship concludes, we have a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and connect with other PRCC friends and families! All are invited into Jordan Hall to drink coffee, eat lite snacks, and mingle.

We are always seeking hosts to volunteer to prepare treats EITHER after the 8:30 OR after the 10 am service. This can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like.

Reimbursement is available to cover the cost of food.



Volunteer Spotlight

There are many people who volunteer their time to our church and we are so grateful for each and every one of them. Our Volunteer Spotlight is a way of saying thank you to them and also letting members and newcomers know 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



Sarah and Justin McCarty are in the Volunteer Spotlight this month! Sarah and Justin and their children, Ella and Sam, have been active in many areas of outreach and ministry at PRCC since becoming members.

As a family, they've all participated in the Fellowship of Young Families group and have prepared Lincoln Park Shelter dinners. They've all walked in the CropWalk and both kids have been in the Christmas Pageant too.

Sarah has volunteered in many areas at PRCC. Last year she was a member of the Social Committee, Nominating Committee, the CropWalk planning team, part of planning the Women's Reboot this spring and she was a regular Sunday School teacher. This year Sarah has volunteered to be a Co-chair of the Social Committee and is once again on the CropWalk team. The CropWalk is on Sunday, October 20 this year and you can sign up at church on Sundays or online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil/Team/View/118494/Park-Ridge-Community-Church>

Justin has also been a busy volunteer here as well. He's serving his second term as a Deacon, spear-headed and organized Pasta Divine this year and he is starting to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher this fall.

Our congregation is blessed by the many ways that Sarah and Justin and their kids serve here at Park Ridge Community Church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Sunday School

All preschool through high school children are invited to Sunday school. We had a great start in September. Bring a friend! Below is our typical schedule.

- 10:00-10:15 All gather in the sanctuary to begin worship with family members. Pastors dismiss children to Sunday school.
- 10:15-10:30 **Preschool to 3rd grade** children ~ music time in SS wing
- 10:30-11:15 **Preschool to 3rd grade** children in classrooms
- 10:15-11:15 **4th-12th grade** go to class from sanctuary
- 11:15 classes end; parents pick up young children from classrooms

Please complete a registration form, available from Park Place Room or the Sunday school wing or our website, www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org, so that we have contact and allergy info for each child. Return forms to Teri or Shelley, or to the church office.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available each Sunday 8:30-11:15 am for infants through 5 years of age on the lower level, next to Jordan Hall.

Seeking loving adults and youth to fill out our nursery care roster! Vicki Kelly and Kyrie Nelson are doing an amazing job of running our nursery week after week, but from time to time, we need extra hands or substitute caregivers. We pay well, and you get the opportunity to hang out with amazing little people! If you have any interest in helping out, please contact Shelley or Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

Sunday School Offerings

Sunday school students are encouraged to use their time, talents and treasure to make the world a better place. Many children received coin pouches in Sunday school last year to help them collect coins throughout the week, and they can bring those offerings to class each Sunday. Please let us know if your child would like a coin pouch.

The outreach project for September was the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, which provides fire prevention education and equipment, as well as a summer camp for children who have been injured by fire. For more information, ifsa.org.

In October, we'll be decorating pumpkins for Senior Contact on Oct. 13, as well as collecting for CROP Walk and doing a mini CROP walk in worship. Join us in our efforts!

Prayer Buddies

Children and the "young at heart" will once again be matched up in our Prayer Buddies program, where older and younger PRCC members get together at coffee hours or special events and pray for each other throughout the year. Last year's buddies are invited to continue their partnership (or contact Shelley with changes), and new buddies will be paired up in early October. **New sign-ups continue through Sept. 29** in Park Place Room or at coffee hour. Please contact Shelley with questions or to sign up, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

PRCC Sunday School Shutterfly Site

We have a free, members only Shutterfly site, with a Sunday school calendar and photos. Enjoy a blast from the past, update your family calendar with Sunday school events, and check out the latest photos! To access this closed group, send an email to sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, and we'll invite you to join.



OUTREACH NEWS

MAINE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry donations are always needed! Feel free to drop off Sundays or during office hours throughout the week. Thank you in advance for your help!

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Assistance is needed for **Thursday, October 3rd**'s dinner at **Lincoln Park Community Services**. We will be serving at their new facility at 1521 Sedgwick. **Cooking** begins at **2:00 pm** in the church kitchen, and then we'll be **serving at 7:00 pm**. We plan to leave church at 5:30 pm and return before 9:00 pm. If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, please contact Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net).

FIRST SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER – Volunteers Needed!

PRCC will cook, serve and provide four Sunday Night Suppers this year for the homeless. The Suppers will be hosted at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church (the blue door church located at 1300 W. Crescent Av. at the corner of Delphia Av., one block west of Greenwood).

Because our first Sunday Night Supper date is November 24th, the week of Thanksgiving when many people travel, we are getting an early start asking volunteers to help. If you know your Thanksgiving plans and will be in town, please consider volunteering. It's a great way to spend time with your family and friends while serving others!

These dinners serve 80-100 guests and require approximately 20 volunteers to make the events a success. Anyone age 13 and older is welcome to help serve food.

We will need:

Time commitment 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Six (6) people to prepare & cook the food; load into cars & transport to PR Presbyterian Church

Time commitment 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Six (6) people to serve the food

Four (4) people to serve drinks to the guests

Three (3) kitchen workers / food distributors of extra food at the end of the meal

Dinner Timeline

4:30pm – Volunteers Arrive at PR Presbyterian Church

5:30pm – Guests Arrive

5:45pm – Dining Room Opens

6:00pm – Dinner is Served

7:00pm – Dining Room Closed

If you have not helped with Sunday Night Suppers before and would like more details about how the event is run, please [READ MORE](#).

To volunteer, please use the Sign Up Genius link on the PRCC web site at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-sunday>

Should you have questions, contact Cheryl DeYoung at cheryll.deyoung@att.net or the PRCC Office Staff. Thank you.

MARYVILLE BACKPACKS

A huge thank you to all who so generously donated backpacks to **Maryville's Undocumented Children's Program**.

Because of your generosity, we **EXCEEDED** our goal and collected 120 backpacks! Now these young immigrant children will have a sturdy new backpack to carry their few belongings in, as they travel to their new homes. A special thank you to Circle 10, the Men's Morning Breakfast, and the Yogi's for their contributions!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Jeanine Schultz School – Supplies Collection

Thank You!

We've had a wonderful response collecting school supplies in support of the 64 students and the teachers of the Jeanine Schultz School in Park Ridge. We will continue to receive donations in the Park Place Room in October. Donations of gift card are welcome for purchasing supplies as well! Questions? Contact paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org or purchasing supplies as well! Questions? Contact paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



PRCC Youth News

COFFEE WITH PASTOR MOLLIE (All are Welcome!)

Pastor Mollie will be available for coffee and conversation, drop in and say hi, anyone from PRCC is invited to sit down and get to know Pastor Mollie a little better as she begins her journey with us. **Drop in on the following Tuesdays at the Northwest Highway Starbucks: October 8th 11 am – 1 pm.**

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Confirmation is an important time of learning, exploring and experiencing what it means to be a Christian and a member of PRCC specifically. Beginning this year, confirmation will be a 2-year program. Weekly classes start October 2nd and are held on Wednesday's from 6:00-7:30 pm. Also, on October 2nd, we invite the confirmation parents for a brief overview meeting from 6:00-6:30 pm. For the complete schedule, curriculum outline, or more information, contact Pastor Mollie or Pastor Carol.

Corn Maze
Apple Picking

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| When: Sunday, Oct. 27th Depart PRCC at 1:45pm Return to PRCC at 6pm | Who: PRCC Youth 6th-12th grades (friends welcome!) |
| Where: All Seasons Orchard Woodstock, IL | Cost: \$20 RSVP by Oct. 25 |

Pastor Mollie: pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org MADE WITH FONT CANDY

The flyer features a blue background with white text and decorative flourishes. The background image shows a cornfield and a path leading through it. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. The event details are presented in a table format within a white-bordered box.



PUMPKIN PATCH 2019



The Pumpkins are coming!
PATCH UNLOAD is Saturday October 12th from 9:00-12:00.
Bring some gloves and help us get the Patch ready for opening day!

Pumpkin Patch 2019 Save the Dates

- Pumpkin Patch will be open Saturday Oct 12 – Wednesday Oct 31 (closed on Mondays)
- Pumpkin Patch take down will be Saturday, Nov 2 at 9:00AM

Sign Up to Work the Patch

Individuals or groups wishing to sign up online can go to the PRCC website at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org and Click on the SignUp button or sign up on the board in the Park Place Room!



Consider being a Patch Sponsor

Your family or business can sponsor the Patch through one of our various levels:

Gold- \$100 donation or higher, **Silver-** \$50 donation, **Bronze-** \$25 donation

Sponsors will have their names prominently displayed on our sponsorship board located at the main entrance to the patch.

Help spread some Pumpkin Seeds

We are also looking for Patch farmers who would like to buy some pumpkin seeds to help purchase some new Pumpkin Patch supplies! See the "Seed" board in the Effinger Room for more information.

Friday and Saturday nights at dusk- come see the *MOVIE!* Bring your family and friends!



Questions, contact Hillary Larson at hkharp@comcast.net (773-263-3866) or Colleen Moriarty at cmoriarty104@gmail.com (224-558-1783). Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you in the Patch!

SEPTEMBER SNAPSHOTS



Recognition of the Ministry of Kate & Darcy



Inter-Generational Worship Service



Children's Message Yoga Poses



Rally Day 2019



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Fundraising Event for Crop Hunger Walk
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 11am – 9pm



- **Dine-in, or**
- **Carryout ONLY if call in order (no online order discount on day of fundraiser)**
- **Make sure you mention Crop Walk when you order!**
- **Our walk will receive 20% of receipts!**

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