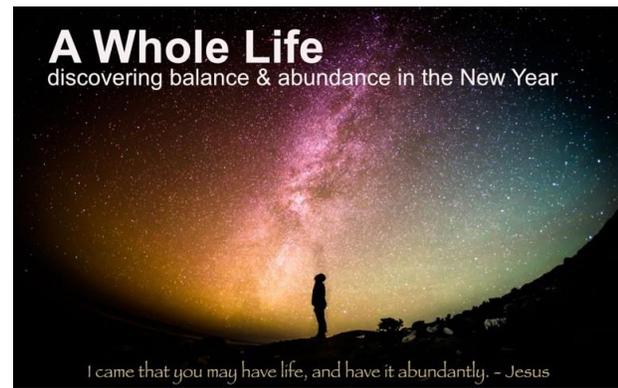


THE PARK RIDGE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

February 2019



“Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5). Moses was watching his father-in-law’s flock when his world was rocked by his encounter with God through the bush that was on fire but not consumed. God gave the Israelites instructions for where and how to place the ark of the covenant, and as sanctuaries have been constructed over the centuries, there has always been a place for the holy of holies. Yet, we know that God cannot and will not be confined. The movement of the Holy Spirit inspires us in the church service, in the shower, in the middle of the woods, and often with so little fanfare that it doesn’t occur to us until after the fact. Sometimes I wish there was a burning bush to confirm – yep, that WAS a holy moment!

Week after week, I write my sermon, trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide me, to give me the words that we all need to hear. Sometimes I feel pretty confident that I got the right message, and sometimes I am less sure. Just this past week, however, the number of notes from and conversations with folks about the sermon have confirmed that the right message was received. In my sermon, I shared several moments that helped to open my eyes just a bit at different points in my life. It was a struggle to write because there are about a thousand other people and instances that I could have shared. Yet, the point was received because you have been coming to tell me about stories and people in your lives who have shaped you. I heard about camping experiences, trips abroad to Berlin, times as a child, and times as an adult when you’ve encountered racism, injustice, and even your own prejudice. These stories are holy. These stories are burning bush level of importance. Whether you share them with me or with your spouse or friend or neighbor, I hope you will take some time to share them. God is working and moving – and the Holy Spirit is at work! Take off your shoes – this is holy ground!!

Very soon, we will share the sacrament of communion, in which we taste the goodness of God’s grace, and we will share that moment with our 2nd graders. These children have been learning about the mysterious ways God moves in our lives, including through this holy meal – take off your shoes, this is holy ground!

Very soon, we will embark on a search for an associate minister who will lead our youth ministry and journey alongside our entire church as we seek God’s direction in this time and place. I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide the right person to us and us to them, and when we all experience that moment of certainty, perhaps we will take off our shoes and realize we’re in the middle of holy ground!

Just a few weeks ago, I was blessed to share in a service of installation with you. I have been received as a pastor in five other churches, and never have I felt the movement of the Holy Spirit in quite that same way. From the choir’s singing, to my favorite passages from scripture being read, to hearing the words from my colleagues, friends, and family, to the sound of my daughter’s sweet voice, and making promises with you to serve, love, and lead you...it was a powerful experience. And we were certainly on holy ground.

As we get ready to nominate and fill new leadership positions in the church and dream about what the future holds, I pray for many moments like these. We believe that God is still speaking and the Holy Spirit is at work, in us, around us, and through us. In the Celtic tradition, the symbol for the Holy Spirit is not the calm peaceful dove, but rather the Wild Goose, which represents strength and power, and surprising movement. As we navigate this new year and all the possibilities of what will be, I pray that the Holy Spirit will surprise us, interrupt some of our assumptions, open our eyes to new ways of seeing, and we will find ourselves removing our shoes because we’ll be standing on holy ground!

~ Pastor Carol

Enter the Wholeness Challenge TODAY!! [CLICK HERE](#) to check in on the ways you have pursued emotional, relational, spiritual, physical, and vocational wholeness! A prize will be awarded on March 3 to celebrate the person who is living a wholly life!

WORSHIP

JOIN US IN FEBRUARY FOR WORSHIP

February 3
(Food Collection)
Physical Wholeness
Holy Communion
First Communion
Mission Trip Meeting
Youth Group Super Bowl Party

February 10
Vocational Wholeness
My Bible Class
Scout Sunday
New Member Sunday

February 17
Relational Wholeness
President's Day
Sacrament of Baptism

February 24
Foundation of Wholly Living
My Bible Class
Joe Mullins Band
Youth Rock Climbing

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

FIRST COMMUNION

We are pleased to recognize the First Communion of Leah, Max, Lily, Zaryn, Luke, Drake, Joshua, Matt, Campbell and Mariela during 10 am worship on February 3. These children worked with Rev. Cathy Stewart to learn about the history and practice of Holy Communion and are prepared to join the wider Christian community in this Holy Sacrament.



JOE MULLINS & THE RADIO RAMBLERS CONCERT

February 24th special guest artist during the 10 am worship service

Please arrive early, seats will fill up quick!

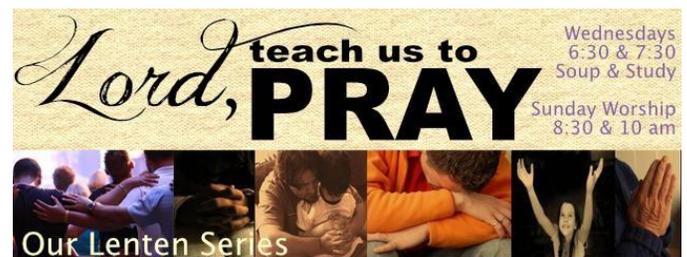
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

7:30 - 9 pm in the Sanctuary

Bring your Bible and get ready to explore the scriptures, learn about context, discuss current application, and share stories. You will be given material each week to read (if you'd like) in advance of the next week's class. This series will correspond with the preaching series on Wholeness, focusing on the healing stories throughout the scriptures and encouraging one another's practices to live a WHOLE life. If you are in need of childcare, please contact the church office.

2019 LENTEN SERIES

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6!! We will begin the season of Lent together with two Ash Wednesday services – 7 am and 7:30 pm. All are invited to these contemplative services as we enter a season of intentional alignment with God. Our Worship and Study series during Lent will focus on the words of the Lord's Prayer, inviting us to consider the implications of this powerful prayer. We will also have the opportunity to practice different ways of praying through Prayer Stations in Ellinger Transept. We are looking forward to 40 days of meaningful challenge as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week.



SCOUT SUNDAY

February 10th is Scout Sunday! Scouts of all ages are invited to come to worship wearing their uniforms. On this day of worship, we will celebrate the ways that Scouting programs help to foster a sense of identity, purpose, and values. Scouts are invited to meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 am to hear about a couple special parts of the service where we need some volunteers.

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

We love because God first loved us. (1 John 4:19) It is in love and faith that we pray for all those on our prayer ministry list. Please keep these loved ones in your prayers.

Martha Bridges, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Irene Ginger, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Gerri Le Duc, Jim Lego, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Pauline Numrych, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Ginny Sutton, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

We also keep in our prayers the following January requests:

Joys

- Prayers of joy for Ewald and Jean Weiss on their recent nuptials.
- Congratulations to Zach Nelson on his recent Eagle Scout Honor.
- Joys from the Dase family that their kitten is well after a recent spin in the dryer.
- Charlie Giera is thankful for a positive health report.
- Prayers of joy for the Wind family as they celebrate the birth of Charles Finnegan Mahoney born on January 11th.
- Susan Ruth is grateful for our prayers and for good results from her recent PET scan.
- Wonderful Youth Lock-In with 14 students and 6 chaperones.

Travel

- Prayers for Bernice Zabawski's daughter Liz as she travels to Ecuador.

- Please keep Andrea Goodwin's brother in your prayers as he relocates to Texas.

Healing and Recovery

- Prayers of strength for Nancy Zuegel.
- Prayers of healing for Jim Muenzer's uncle.
- John Douglass had cancer surgery on 1/22.
- Prayers for Sue who is battling breast cancer.
- Please pray for Mary Tilley who is home recovering after a brief hospital stay.
- Please keep Lisa Irwin in your prayers as she is back in the hospital with a set back.
- Prayers for a friend of Angie Papassavas' who is battling breast cancer.
- Charlie Giera asks for prayers for his friend Ann Marie.
- Prayers for Mary Tilles after a stay in the hospital.
- Prayers for Bob Douglass who is facing serious medical challenges.
- Prayers for Terry Douglass who is need of a kidney transplant.
- Janet Johnson asks for prayers for her family in Texas facing challenges.
- Prayers for Irene Ginger who has entered hospice.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Happy Birthday to Alana who turned 22 this month!

For Our Country

- Prayers for all Federal Employees affected by the government shut down.

Life in the Resurrection

- Prayers for Pat Tamburrino and family after the loss of her brother, Robert
- Prayers for the Hill family as they mourn Aunt Helen.
- Please keep Sasha and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of her uncle, Charles McGowan.
- Please keep the Nelson family in your prayers, Bruce's sister Lynn passed away on January 21st.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

by Anita Rifkind

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

John 13:34 (NSRV)

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I
have loved you."*

John 15:12 (NSRV)

Valentine's Day is again upon us. I have a few questions for you to consider in the weeks leading up to it. To whom will you give your love? And how will you give it, in a card or in person bearing a heart-shaped box of chocolates? That's an easy question. Here is a harder one: To whom will you refuse your love? And still harder: Who will you treat with indifference?

"Second Lady" Karen Pence recently went back to her job teaching at a Christian school that refuses admission to homosexual children. That caused a storm of controversy from the left as being in direct conflict with her role as "Second Lady" to support the law of the land which denies discrimination based on sexual orientation. The resulting backlash from the right was that criticism of her is unfair because she has every right to her religious beliefs and can work where she chooses. (My own opinion on this matter is that she has every right to believe whatever she likes, and to work where ever she likes; however, the rest of us also have the right to be critical of those choices if we like.)

But to me, there are more important questions about this controversy. She is a Christian; she shares our faith. As Christians, do we get to choose who we love? Who we refuse to love and accept? Can't we just ignore the people we are uncomfortable with and hope they go away?

Jesus actually has quite a lot to say on the subject of love – God's love for us (and him.) Jesus' love for us (and God.) And he does have a few things to say about who among our fellow human beings we should love, and even how we should love . In the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus says that the greatest commandments are first to love God, and second to love our neighbors as ourselves. He didn't say, "Love your Jewish neighbors as yourself, but don't bother with any Romans." Or "You can love your neighbor as yourself as long as they are nice to you." Or "Love your heterosexual neighbors as yourself."

Well that's pretty darn clear then, isn't it?

And what about HOW we are supposed to love these myriad neighbors? John's gospel has an unequivocal answer to that question. In two places, Jesus makes it clear that we are to love each other as Jesus has loved us. Now that is a tough standard to follow because Jesus loves us as we are, considers us his brothers and sisters, forgives us when we fail, welcomes us back no matter how far into the pigsty we have wallowed – and on top of that, he tells us not to judge lest we be judged.

So I'm not willing to condemn the Christian school or Karen Pence for the decisions they are making. But I am willing to question if they are reading the same Gospels I am, and how they can be following the same Christ, the same Spirit, the same God revealed in them.

Truth be told, I don't measure up a lot of the time. Although I may not be openly hostile with some of my neighbors, I'm sure you will be surprised to hear that I can be petty, aloof, and sarcastic. (If you are laughing, I forgive you.) My family can doubtless add a few adjectives to that list as well.

And what about you? Do you struggle to love God and your neighbors in the midst of difficult conditions in your life? Are you feeling ignored and unloved by your family and friends? Are you withholding your love from someone because of who they love, or because they look different than you, or because of past transgressions against you?

Whatever else Valentine's Day brings you this year, contact Pastor Carol (847-823-3164) or Ginny Fuerer (847-840-7082) to be gifted with the attention of a member of your church family who will bring unconditional love and acceptance into your life in the name of the One who still calls us to love each other as we are loved.



WINTER NEWS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 8 newcomers and 2 long time church members attend our January New Member Information session. Lots of good information was shared about PRCC and we also had the opportunity to share what we think is special about our church family.

Upcoming membership dates to get on your calendar are:

February 10- New Member Sunday at the 10 am service

We will welcome New Members at the 10 am service and enjoy cake and fellowship at coffee hour after. All are welcome to participate in the life of the congregation whether you are a member or not but many individuals and families decide to make a formal commitment to membership. Becoming a member is an acknowledgement that this is your family of faith, the community that you covenant to love, uphold, serve and shape and by whom you are willing to be shaped, challenged and sent forth to serve.

Please contact Pastor Carol, the office or any member of the Membership Committee if you are interested in more information or in becoming a member.

March 17- Coffee with Pastor Carol at noon after the 10 am service

April 7- New Member Information session after the 10 am service

April 28- New Member Sunday at the 10 am service

NAME TAGS

We are excited to begin using permanent name tags for everyone on Sunday mornings in February. Name tags will be found on the wall outside the Sanctuary for those that enter from the Park Place room and also by the main doors to the Narthex for those that enter there.

Please let us know what your preferred name is for your name tag [HERE](#).

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour fellowship continues to be very popular downstairs in Jordan Hall. Volunteers are needed to host on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lauren Kleingers at lauren.kleingers@gmail.com to sign up.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

PRCC has a large number of 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 giving members and newcomers an idea of 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.



Volunteer Spotlight



Judy & Mike Artrip

Judy and Mike have been members of PRCC for quite a while. They are always happy to lend a hand when the need arises like at the pumpkin patch, Jazz in January, puppy stuffing, etc. But, did you know that Judy is in the choir? And she also serves PRCC as a Deacon and a Stephen Minister. Mike has served as a trustee since 2017 and he's a regular volunteer at the Medical Lending Closet. We appreciate all the things that Judy and Mike do to serve our church family!



WINTER NEWS

PASTOR CAROL OUT OF OFFICE

Feb 23-26 Pastor Carol will be in St. Louis as a delegate to the Special Session of the United Methodist Church General Conference. Pastor Carol is one of the delegates elected to represent the Northern Illinois Conference in this global gathering to consider the polity and position of the United Methodist denomination regarding human sexuality. Pastor Carol will be out of the office, and returning to PRCC on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Please hold her and the other delegates in your prayers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In preparation for our annual meeting in May, the Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon. This committee presents candidates for the Congregation to consider for leadership positions and to vote on at the annual meeting. Please prayerfully consider serving on the Nominating Committee. If you are interested or need more information, contact Tricia Williams at tricia.williams@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

CIRCLE 10 NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Circle 10 hosts the very popular Le Cheap Boutique on Saturday, April 27 from 9 am-1 pm and on Sunday, April 28 from 9:15 am-11:30 am in the Great Hall. Le Cheap Boutique is an event where we sell gently used jewelry and accessories. Money raised helps fund Circle 10's bereavement ministry and various other church and community outreach efforts. More information will be coming about collecting gently used jewelry, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, belts, etc.

SOLID ROCK CARPENTERS THANKS YOU!

Solid Rock has much to be thankful for and is truly humbled by all at PRCC who supported its ministry throughout the year. PRCC has supported SRC in volunteer leadership, event participation, donations of professional time, talent and financial resources. As a result of this ongoing encouragement, 2018 was a very meaningful year!

This past year, SRC coordinated outreach opportunities engaging volunteers in framing wall sections, building homes and completing those homes. In the fall, SRC hosted 2 framing day events where more than 200 eager volunteers and leaders framed wall sections for 8 homes. In October, a team of 42 traveled to Johnson City, TN to partner with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) in building 3 homes. To close out the year, 51 volunteers completed the interior work of these 3 homes – work which included painting, installing floors, trim, doors and decks. The highlight of this Christmas week was a dedication ceremony, where ASP provided keys to its home recipients. Indeed, a special time to witness Gods full circle of care for the families served.

2019 is sure to be just as an exciting year of outreach for Solid Rock. SRC is extremely grateful for the support in resources and prayer and invites all to participate in its 2019 events and service trips. www.solidrockcarpenters.org



175th CHOIR DINNER AND CELEBRATION

Thank you to all that joined us in November for our 175th Gala featuring our amazing choir, we made over \$6,000 in proceeds! THANK YOU!

Pasta Divine



Dinner — Auction & Raffle

Join us for an evening filled with All-you-can-eat
Good Food, Great Family Fun & Fellowship!

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Doors Open 5:30 PM — Serving Begins 6:00 PM

Live & Silent Auctions - "Heads or Tails" Raffle - Staffed Nursery

Proceeds benefit PRCC Ministries & This Year's
Designated Charity: Avenues To Independence

Tickets available between Services or at the Church Office

Suggested Donation:

Adults \$15.00 Children 5-12 \$5.00 4 & under FREE

We welcome auction item donations.
For Volunteer & Event Information: Dave Kapolnek 847.529.6845

[Park Ridge Community Church](#), 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge



WINTER NEWS

PASTA DIVINE

Pasta Divine Tickets are now on sale!

Tickets (\$15 adult / \$5 kids) are now available in the Park Place Room between Sunday services and during Coffee Hour after the 10:00 service. You can also purchase in the church office during the week. Please contact Dave Kapolnek 847.529.6845 or Dan Smith 847.707.4345 with questions or if you'd like to donate something for the auction. Visit the church website of upcoming events for more information:

<https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/copy-of-events-1>

MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES

Please save the dates for our next evening series of information and resources for those experiencing the impact of brain disorders and mental health issues. The Stephen Ministers will be hosting two different presentations regarding a wide range of illness including depression, OCD and anxiety disorders on Wednesday evenings, 1/30 and 2/6 at 7:30 pm in Jordan Hall.

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

All are welcome to join us Tuesday's for lunch in Jordan Hall. Come with a sack lunch after yoga or anytime about noon. We will provide a delicious dessert and beverages. If you need more information or have questions, please talk to Liz Swanson. Our February schedule is as follows:

- 2/5 Learn about "Angel Caregivers, Inc" and Celebrate February Birthdays
- 2/12 Valentine's Day Party
- 2/19 Assemble College Student Care Packages
- 2/26 Bingo

KNITTING KNIGHTS

Looking for ways to help keep your hands out of the cookie jar on these long, cold winter nights? A knitting or crochet project might be just the answer. Please join us Monday 2/4 and 2/18 at 7:00 pm in Jordan Hall to learn more about these fun projects. Please contact Liz Swanson for more information or with questions.



WOMEN'S EVENT

All women of the church are invited to an afternoon gathering on Sunday, April 7th from 2 pm to 5 pm to learn about the ties that bind us together as God's beloved women. Be on the look-out for more information.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Rick Benedetto and Keith Reboletti for taking down our wonderful outdoor nativity! We know that is a big job and we are so grateful for your time!



OUTREACH NEWS

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to all who have so generously supported our Winter Coat Drive. We will continue collecting clean, gently used coats until Sunday, February 3, 2019. A large amount of the coats already donated were given to Maine East High School before Christmas. All the additional coats will be given to The Bridge Project, for those literally living under the bridges of Chicago. Why not take a few minutes to clean out your coat closet? You never know what you might find that could benefit someone in need.

CONTINUING COLLECTION

We are also continuing to collect clean, empty cosmetic bags (the type that hold the "freebies" given out by large cosmetic companies) and full, unused, travel size toiletries. They can be placed in the basket found in the Park Place Room by Sunday, March 3, 2019.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Volunteer servers are needed on Thursdays, February 7th and March 7th to help with the Lincoln Park Community Shelter dinners. We will be leaving church at 5:45 pm and returning by 9:00 pm. Please contact Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net) or Debbie Deitke (d.deitke@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.



SUNDAY SUPPER

On Sunday, March 3, 2019 PRCC will be preparing and serving dinner for the Sunday Supper being held at St. Luke's. For the first time, we will be using "Sign-Up Genius" to solicit volunteers for both cooking and serving. If you'd like to volunteer, be sure to use this useful tool. It will enable us to have just the right number of volunteers.

SERVING IS PART OF THE VISION FOR PRCC

Being a beacon of God's grace in our community is one way we serve God's beloved community. There are many ways to do this and in this extended time of the government shutdown, many people could be feeling the financial burden of not receiving a pay check. PRCC is a very generous congregation offering different forms of assisting as needs arise. This is a good time to remember some of those ways. Food donations are collected the first Sunday of each month and delivered to Maine Township Food Pantry for those in need of food. Support is given to the city of Park Ridge so that gift cards for transportation and other essentials are available through the Park Ridge police station's non-emergency office. When help covering larger bills and financial obligations is needed, individuals can talk with Pastor Carol and depending on the situation, the Pastor's Emergency Fund could be utilized to assist. PRCC desires to come along side anyone in a difficult emergency situation with prayer support and in tangible ways to get through a time of uncertainty and challenge. If you need more information or support, please speak with Pastor Carol or Liz Swanson.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

February 2019

- Sun. Feb. 3: Sunday school; First Communion in 10 am worship
- Sun. Feb. 10: Sun. school; Scout Sunday; My Bible class
- Sun. Feb. 17: Pres. Day weekend; Sun. school; no My Bible class.
- Sun. Feb. 24: Sunday school; My Bible class
- Sun. March 3: Transfiguration; Sun. school; My Bible class; pancake breakfast

Preschool through high school children are invited to Sunday school. Please fill out a registration form for contact and allergy info. Our typical schedule:

- 10:00-10:15 All gather in the sanctuary to begin worship with family members. Pastor Carol dismisses 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 in SS wing
- 10:15-11:15 4th grade to high school go down to class from sanctuary
- 11:15 classes end; parents pick up young children from classrooms

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. Three- through five-year-olds are welcome to attend Sunday school or remain in the nursery, as their families decide.

ACOLYTES WANTED

Children 3rd-5th grade will act as acolytes, lighting the candles at the beginning of 10 am worship, from February 3 through May 19. Acolytes must be trained, so please contact Shelley or Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org to arrange training and sign up to acolyte

OUTREACH PROJECTS

Children's weekly offerings are used for outreach projects. Students learn about those they are helping and are inspired to help in more and different ways each month. Please help children remember to bring offerings!

In January, offerings will go toward Heifer International. The children will then vote on which animal(s) we can donate to a village in need! Will we send a chicken? A goat? A cow? Several animals? Stay tuned to find out!

Starting in February, weekly offerings will go to an organization called Open Heart Magic. Their motto is, "With wands in hand and magic in heart, we fill hospitals with happiness." This group sends magicians into children's hospitals to work one on one with hospitalized children performing bed-side magic and teaching some tricks to help raise spirits during their healing. For more information: www.openheartmagic.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class is offered to all middle schoolers (6th through 8th grade) on Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 pm. Students work with our experienced leaders to learn more about our Christian faith through study, games, small-group discussions, and service projects. Friends and community members are welcome—no need to be a member. Eighth-grade students have the opportunity to make their Confirmation on May 19, 2019. Contact Shelley or Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, with questions, to register or to request more information.

MY BIBLE CLASS –

Children 3rd grade and older are invited to the annual My Bible class, February 10 - April 7 (except Feb. 17 for Presidents' Day weekend and March 24 for spring break). The class meets during Sunday school time. Children should begin in worship with family; when Pastor Carol dismisses to Sunday school, around 10:15, the My Bible teacher and students will go to the 3rd grade classroom, where they will learn to use this essential tool of our faith. After the 7-week class, the children will be presented during worship April 14 with the very Bible they have learned to use. Registration is open to all, including friends. To register or ask questions, contact Teri or Shelley, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



YOUTH NEWS

2019 MISSION TRIP MEETING

Sunday, February 3rd, 2019

9:20 am (between services) in the Parlor

Come learn about the 2019 Mission Trip. Including details on where we are going, when we are leaving, where we'll be staying along the way, and when we will return.

YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 3rd – 5 pm

SUPER Bowl Party @ Pastor Carol's House

It's SUPER because you don't have to love football to join us. There will be commercial bingo, darts, pool/Ping-Pong, and lots of fellowship. Bring your favorite snack to share!

YOUTH GROUP ROCK CLIMBING

Sunday, February 24th- 6:00-7:30 pm

Rock Climbing at Formula Fitness Club (FFC). \$15 per climber. More details forthcoming.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES NEEDED!

We would like to begin sending care packages to college students affiliated with PRCC. If you have or know of a college student that is a part of our church extended family, please email their mailing address to the Church Office at office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.



STAY CONNECTED!

Wow! What an incredible Youth and Parent meeting we had!. We are so glad that so many of you could join us to share a meal, learn more about the goals of the youth group, and enjoy some fellowship.

If you were unable to join us, not to worry, we have linked the upcoming Youth Group events to this email. We hope you will set aside/encourage your child to set aside the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from 6:00-7:30 pm to join us for youth group. One of our goals for the year is to separate out middle school and high school students- we have already secured the volunteers to make this happen. Now, we need the youth to make this happen!

If you haven't already, please do the following so you can stay up to date on all current Youth Group events:

1. Add youth@parkridgecommunitychurch.org to your address book.
2. Like and Follow [Park Ridge Community Church](#) on Facebook and join the [PRCC Youth Group](#) group page- we use Facebook to promote events.
3. Download the Remind App and join our group [here](#) - we use this app to share out quick reminders for upcoming events.
4. Follow the PRCC Youth group on instagram at [prccyouthgroup](#)
5. Add the PRCC Youth Group Google Calendar to your calendar!

Google Link- [Here](#)

iCal Link- [Here](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions! We look forward to a wonderful 2019!



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- FEB 3 - First Communion/ Youth Super Bowl Party
- FEB 9 - Pasta Divine
- FEB 10 - New Member/Scout Sunday
- FEB 24 - Joe Mullins Band
- MAR 3 - Transfiguration Sunday w/ Pancakes & one service
- MAR 3 - Serving for Sunday Supper
- MAR 6 - Ash Wednesday Services at 7 am and 7:30 pm

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Our Staff:

- Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
- Teri Biedke, Sunday School Co-Facilitator
- Sasha Gerritson, Minister of Music
- Rick Hagedorn, Parish Organist
- Kate Joyce, Youth Group Co-Facilitator
- Darcy LeDuc, Youth Group Co-Facilitator
- Shelly O'Brien, Sunday School Co-Facilitator
- Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
- Jaclyn Weir, Parish Coordinator



Simple Suppers are coming back this Lenten season! Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm:

- March 6
- March 13
- March 20
- March 27