

THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER



August 2018

Strategy as a Learning Process

For the growth and development of PRCC, we have been engaged in a total evaluation of the church and have been assessing that which is necessary to lead the church into a productive future. As a result, church leadership has been actively involved in making necessary changes. But strategic leadership is more than just introducing change after change. Effective leaders make strategic changes that progressively build on each other. To do this well, all organizations (in this case, the church) discover strategy as a learning process.

"Often strategy is set in [many] meetings and off-site retreats. The outcome is a weighty strategic plan setting out goals and objectives," notes the Center for Creative Leadership's Rich Hughes. "Strategy is rarely thought of in terms of ongoing learning." He asserts that organizations must learn, and those that have the best learning practices develop significant advantages and growth principles.

The Board has certainly been involved in this process and has been learning how to make strategy a learning process. There are six primary elements:

- **Assess where you are.** This is having a clear understanding of the circumstances facing the church. This involves collecting and interpreting information about the external environment as well as the internal reality.
- **Understand who you are and where you want to go.** This is understanding the spoken and unspoken culture of the church and its leadership.
- **Examine your vision, mission, and values.** Imagine the church ten or twenty years in the future — then look at the distance and direction you must travel to succeed.
- **Learn how to get there.** This is the nuts and bolts of strategic leadership — drawing on insight, information, and vision to determine priorities and formulate strategy. This is where the church addresses the human and organizational capabilities that are essential to effectively implementing a development strategy.
- **Make the journey.** How does strategy translate into action? What are the tactics to take to implement strategy? How does strategy seep into the lifeblood of the organization? This is always an on-going process
- **Check your progress.** Strategic leadership requires a continuing assessment of the church's effectiveness. This involves looking at indicators of current performance compared with expected performance. How will the church continue to invest in itself to assure a sustainable advantage in the future?

It is good to see the church investing itself in the learning process regarding strategic development. When the church invests itself in the development of its people, it discovers that vitality, vibrancy, and joyous life. And the church will reap marvelous dividends as it goes forward.

Pastor David

WORSHIP

JOIN US IN AUGUST FOR WORSHIP

August 5 (Food Collection)	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion
August 12	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Baptism
August 19	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Baptism Blessing of the Backpacks

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

SERMON SERIES

Join us in worship as Pastor David continues a series of sermons focusing upon THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TODAY. We are following the traditional Protestant listing of the commandments – our Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Lutheran friends enumerate them slightly differently. The scriptural emphasis and message are as follows:

Exodus 20:3 – Priority

Exodus 20:4-6 – Sovereignty

Exodus 20:7 – Sincerity

Exodus 20:8-11 – Sanctity

Exodus 20:12 – Unity

Exodus 20:13 – Responsibility

Exodus 20:14 – Fidelity

Exodus 20:15 – Honesty

Exodus 20:16 – Integrity

Exodus 20:17 – Security

The sermon on August 5th is on Unity (you know, that one which says to “honor your father and your mother...”). Come, and let us take an in-depth look at what that commandment entails.

(Past sermon transcripts can be found on the Church’s website under “Worship Archive”)

ONE BOOK, ONE PRCC

The Faith Development Committee has begun planning some Adult Education offerings for the congregation this fall. The first one is a book discussion on the *Future of Faith*, by Harvey Cox (ISBN-10: 0061755532). The digest from the back cover reads: *There is an essential change taking place in what it means to be “religious” today. As religious people shift their focus to ethical guidelines and spiritual disciplines—not doctrine—we are seeing a universal trend away from hierarchical, regional, patriarchal, and institutional religion. Now, legendary Harvard scholar Harvey Cox offers a new interpretation of the history and future of religion, revealing how doctrines and dogma are giving way to new grassroots movements based in community, social justice, and spiritual experience. The Future of Faith is a major statement and a hopeful vision from one of the most revered theologians today.* Pastor David will be leading the discussion. Dates and details will be forthcoming. You may check the local library or order it from Amazon if you want to read ahead.

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for safety and renewal as families and individuals enjoy summer vacations. 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, Emma Lamb, 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 July requests:

Joys

- Prayers of gratitude for all of our VBS volunteers!
- Continued prayers of Joy for Madison Rose, granddaughter of John and Mary Crowl who was recently baptized.

Healing and Recovery

- Angie Peters is grateful for the continued prayers.
- Continued prayers of healing for Julie Smith's father, Frank.
- Prayers of continued healing for Bob Mack's mother, Gerri.
- For Angie Peters' mother who had blood clots.
- Prayers for Kaz's brother in law for peace of mind.
- Amy Punar who is recovering from a fall.
- Prayers for a co-worker of Mark Holihan whose granddaughter is facing complications from birth.

Safety

- For Cathy Stewart's granddaughter Sarah as she travels to Uganda on a mission trip.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Herb Zuegel turned 88 on June 23rd!
- Robin and Ed Kopecky celebrate 47 years this month!
- Dianne Meltreger celebrated her birthday on June 24th!
- Dave and Sue Douglass celebrate 44 years together!
- Chris Chandler also celebrated a birthday!
- John Born had a birthday on July 15th.
- Andrew and Angie Weber celebrated 20 years together!

Life in the Resurrection

- We continue prayers for Jessye Wright and her family, her mother Sally recently entered Life in the Resurrection.
- Prayers of healing for Kathy Berry whose father recently entered Life in the Resurrection.
- For the family and friends of Tom Gasche who entered Life in the Resurrection on July 11th.
- For the family and friends of Tony Armstrong who entered Life in the Resurrection.



Prayer requests can be sent to the front office or given to the ushers during worship.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

By Anita Rifkind



"The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:31 (NSRV)

Pastor David has been talking about the 10 Commandments this summer, and that got me to thinking about how Jesus answered a scribe who overheard Jesus "disputing" with the disciples. (Lest you think the PRCC is the only organization of Christ's followers who occasionally "dispute.") The scribe boldly asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus answered that the first is "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." And the second? "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

I don't know about you, but I haven't found either of these commandments particularly easy to implement. (Note: they are not "suggestions." Sigh) Skipping the first one, because my own and my observed difficulties with that one would take a book or two, and moving to the second, I'd just like to point out in my personal defense that Jesus did NOT know my neighbors.

Former Marine Sgt. Jake Wood was honored at the Espy's last night with the Pat Tillman Award for Service. (No, I did not actually watch the Espy's. It was running on the TV my husband had on but also was not watching.) You may remember that Pat Tillman was a professional football player who gave up a very lucrative career to become a US Army Ranger after 9/11. He was killed in a friendly fire incident in 2007. Wood was

also inspired by 9/11 to enlist and serve his country. When he was discharged in 2009, Wood was disturbed by seeing the difficulties veterans faced after leaving active duty. He saw an opportunity after the Haiti earthquake struck in January, 2010. Wood and fellow Marine William McNulty brought together a group of veterans, medical workers and first responders and headed to the island. The outgrowth of those efforts was the founding of the nonprofit organization Team Rubicon. Since then, Team Rubicon has responded to over 250 disasters around the world and has grown to 80,000 volunteers.

Last night Wood said, "Know your neighbor, love your neighbor, help your neighbor. Doing that is the best tribute we can pay to Pat Tillman."

Only God knows what Wood's faith journey is like; I don't know if he has any easier time than I do loving the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, and mind. But Wood definitely has the second of Jesus' commandments well in hand – serving and loving his fellow veterans and his global neighbors as himself.

Stephen Ministers try to reflect that same sense of service and love – not only when it comes to our church family, but especially then. The latest class of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned on Sunday, September 23 at the 10:00 service. Your support of their ministry will be important to them and to our church family. Please know that they are ready now to be with you during tough times, difficult choices, significant losses. Contact Pastor David (847-823-3164) or Ginny Fuerer (847-840-7082) to discuss how a Stephen Minister could be the neighbor YOU need!



SUMMER NEWS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you are interested in formalizing your membership at PRCC, please contact Paula Mack at pcbmack@gmail.com or Tricia Williams at triciablakew@sbcglobal.net

All are Welcome

We are delighted to see new and long-time members and visitors each Sunday. To help you/us get to know each other by name, please sign the "Who's in the Pews" sheet and pass along when you are in worship service on Sunday mornings. And then feel free to greet your neighbor during the passing of the peace. Thank you!

Membership Online

Our church directory is available to view on any web browser! Instant Church Directory — the program we use to build our church directory — has a free website for church members to view our directory online. To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com to log in. You will be asked to enter in your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Jaclyn know so it can be added. The first time click on the "Create a login now" under the Sign In button. Enter your email address and set up a password to be sent an email confirmation. Click on the link inside that email to confirm your email and log in with the password you just created.

SEPTEMBER CC NEWS

Please note that the deadline to have something published in the September edition of the CC News is **August 20th**. If you would like to share information with the congregation between CC News additions, please email your announcement to the office and it can be included in the information in the

KNITTING KNIGHTS

Chicago Yarn Crawl, July 28-August 5

Interested in doing the Yarn Crawl this year? A group is going Wednesday, August 1st. Contact Liz Swanson or Debbie Deitke (d.deitke@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Stitches Midwest, August 2-5

Sign up for a class, attend the HUGE marketplace and best of all, free parking at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Contact Debbie if you are interested in joining Knitting Knights for this event.

Next PRCC Knitting Knights meeting, Aug 20th, Jordan Hall, 7-9 pm

CIRCLE 10

Ladies, are you signed up for Thirsty Thursday yet? August 9th, 6:30 at Marylynn Collentine's home, 936 Rowe Ave, PR. Sign up through the link in the July & August Newsletters. Looking forward to a fun social evening with friends.



PRCC BANNER

Zach Nelson has been working with Bob Mack on the "God and Life" religious award for the Boy Scouts of America. Please come into Church anytime during the summer and sign your name as a visual representation of everyone who is a part of our church family for our 175th anniversary celebration.



SUMMER NEWS

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday's for lunch in Jordan Hall. We gather about noon time, so bring your sack lunch and we will provide a delicious dessert and beverages. This is a relaxed atmosphere of conversation and specific activities listed below. If you need more information or have questions, please call Liz Swanson.

8/7 Kids at Kindred and Celebrate the August birthdays

8/14 Conversation & Catch up

8/21 Vision Work Review

8/27 Bingo Day

FAITH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A new committee is being formed! This has been done in anticipation of the proposed reorganization and new by-laws being written, and has taken into consideration the way we are now operating Sunday School, Adult Education, and Youth activities. The mission statement, responsibilities, and membership is outlined below for your information. Please take a moment and consider whether or not this new committee is one you could contribute to. Although the committee will probably meet monthly for the initial period, the long-term commitment is likely to be bi-monthly or even quarterly. Contact Liz Swanson for more information or to volunteer.

YOGA IN THE GRASS

Saturday mornings at 8:00am!



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS THANK YOU!

Thank you to those that participated in our Random Acts of Kindness to commemorate our 175th Anniversary, but also thank you to those that perform random acts of kindness without being noticed just because that's who we are!





SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Would you like to help with Sunday School next school year? We can always use loving adult and youth teachers and assistants—no experience needed! Lesson plans and supplies are provided, and many teachers co-teach, so they can attend worship on alternate Sundays. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help guide the children of PRCC on their spiritual paths. We serve children preschool through high school age. Among the many rewards: working with wonderful fellow teachers, learning Bible facts to impress your friends, getting to know the families, and making a difference in the lives of the children of PRCC.

Contact Shelley O'Brien or Teri Biedke with questions or to join the team:
sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School will continue to meet during 10am worship through Aug. 26. Preschool through 3rd graders are invited to gather in one room for a short lesson and craft each week. Older children, youth and adults are welcome to assist. Curriculum and craft supplies provided! **Please sign in children in the Sunday school wing 9:50-10am.** We will not begin in worship during the summer. Contact Teri or Shelley, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, with questions.

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.

KIDS AT KINDRED

All kids and families are invited to join the fun, fabulous folks at Kindred Spirits Café **Tuesday, August 7th 11:30am**. Bring a sack lunch to eat, then enjoy a homemade dessert while getting to know members of our church.

SAVE THE DATE!

Rally Sunday, September 9!

9:15 am: Sunday School registration and Open House

10 am: one worship service, recognizing again our 175th anniversary

11:15 am: outdoor lunch and celebration

Regular Sunday School resumes September 16





OUTREACH NEWS

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Lincoln Park Shelter Cooking and Serving Summer
Schedule

Hunger doesn't take a vacation. Volunteers are needed on August 2nd to support Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We will be cooking from 2:00-4:30 pm and serving from 5:30-9:00 pm. There is no age restriction, so families are welcome. Sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board or contact Debbie Deitke (d.deitke@gmail.com) or Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net) for more information.

FOOD COLLECTION

The Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry provides food on an emergency basis to persons living in the greater Maine Township area. PRCC collects for the Food Pantry the 1st Sunday of every month. Place donated items in the shopping cart in the Park Place Room.

Items most needed are:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Juice, Juice Boxes, Kool Aid
- Canned Tuna, Chicken, or Salmon
- Plain Rice, Rice-A-Roni
- Canned Fruit, Apple Sauce
- Crackers
- Instant Potatoes, Canned White Potatoes
- Peanut Butter, Jelly (18 oz. maximum size)
- Bisquick, Pancake Mix, Syrup

- Prepared Meals – Canned Pasta Meals, Boxed Meals
- Desserts – Cake, Cookie, & Brownie Mixes, Jell-O, Pudding, Cookies, Frosting
- Condiments – Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Pickles

MARYVILLE BACKPACK COLLECTION

**BACKPACKS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR MARYVILLE'S
UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN'S SHELTER**

The Christian Outreach Committee is collecting new, good quality student backpacks for **Maryville Academy's Unaccompanied Children's Shelter**. The shelter provides temporary housing and other child welfare services for refugee children ages 12 to 17.

As you are purchasing your back to school needs, please consider buying a good quality backpack for Maryville. Bring your donation to the office or place them in the designated container in the Park Place Room. **The collection will continue through August 26th.**





Come SING with us! Or play BELLS and make a joyful noise!!!

Fall is the **PERFECT** time for you or your family members to join choir or hand bells. All are welcome, no experience necessary; only the willingness to learn, have fun, attend rehearsals and performances regularly and smile while giving back our time and talents to the Lord and our beloved PRCC.

Chancel Choir – ages 14 and up. Traditional SATB adult choir that sings in worship almost every Sunday at the 10 a.m. worship service from September through May. Rehearsals are Thursday nights from 8-9:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. before we sing in the 10 a.m. worship. **REHEARSALS begin Thursday, September 13 at 7:45 p.m.** Childcare provided in the nursery during rehearsals.

Bells on High – ages 14 and up. Traditional hand bell ensemble that rehearses Thursday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., September through May and plays in worship multiple times during the year. **REHEARSALS begin Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

Angeli Choir – Girls only, 6th grade and up. Advanced SSAA choir that rehearses almost every Sunday, September through May, from 3-6 p.m., and sings multiple performances throughout the year. This group is for gals that have had some experience singing in choirs or playing instruments before and can read some music/sing harmony. **REHEARSALS begin Sunday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m.**

Junior Choir – Boys and girls, grades 2-6, beginners welcome. Such fun! We rehearse every Monday, from 4-5 p.m. and sing in worship multiple times per year. **REHEARSALS begin Monday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m.**

Questions? Please call or text Sasha Gerritson at 312-560-1072

**Park Ridge Community Church
Celebrating 175 Years!**



2018 P.R.C.C. – Golf Outing
Join in on all the fun!
Sunday, September 23rd, 2018
Glenview Golf Club

Afternoon Golf
Dinner * Awards * Music *
Raffle Items



Longest Drive

Registration **** All proceeds benefit Park Ridge Community Church ministries**

Please make checks payable to Park Ridge Community Church (PRCC-GO)

Individual Golfer - \$100 Includes 18 hole Golf/Scramble, Cart, Outing Gifts, Dinner
Dinner Only - \$35 *cash bar

**** Foursomes Encouraged - Individuals welcomed and will be matched up with players**

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*** Limited Space ***

Sign Up By

AUGUST 12th

Not a Golfer?
Come for dinner!

Sponsor a Holes - \$100 ** Prominent Display at Tee and in Program

Name _____ Contact Info _____

Credit Card _____ exp date _____ code _____
Cardholder Name _____ Total to charge \$ _____
Signature of Cardholder _____

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