

THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

June 2019

Is It Summer Yet?

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

I have always loved summer. I don't think I ever knew how much I loved summer until we moved to Chicago, where we are wondering if summer will ever get here. In the summer, the weather warms up, we get to spend much more time outside, we experience the warmth of sun on our skin, kids and teachers are out of school (well, mostly), vacations are taken, bikes are ridden, there's a different pace that sets in. Even those for whom summer doesn't change the schedule because the academic rhythm doesn't impact them, are able to unwind in some important ways.



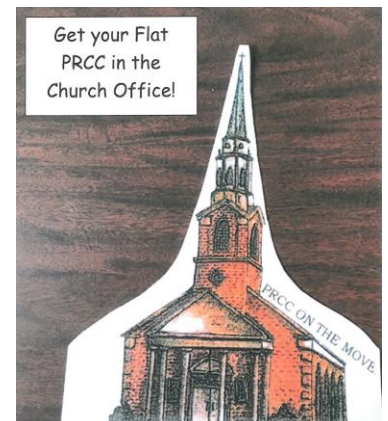
As children, my sister Meg and I would almost always go to New Hampshire with our grandparents. My Grandad managed to always take his four weeks of vacation from church in July so he could get to the family summer home, and my parents often sent us with them. Summers in New Hampshire meant mostly warm days but cool night. Days were spent riding bikes, visiting the neighbor's farm, playing pretend, reading books, hiking in the White Mountains, and jumping through mountain streams and rivers. We attend church, a place where my Great-Grandad served as minister (later Grandad did too) and I can still see both he and Mema up front when we're there. We visit the cemetery, where before they died, my great-grandparents told us they would have their bodies placed there, but they would always be in our hearts and with God. The tiny cemetery across the road is holy ground, and now we visit to talk and say hello, not only to Mema and Great-Grandad, but also to our daughter, Halle Grace. New Hampshire is a place where we learned how to breathe deeply and feel God's presence in a renewing, healing, restorative way. This is where I experienced my most significant call/ hunger to be an ordained minister.

I have found, however, that those deep breaths and God's restoration are important parts of summer and can be experienced elsewhere too. I hear from many of you about places you go to find that peace: cottages in Wisconsin, mountains in Colorado, your garden, Crego Chapel...etc. One of the most precious gifts of the summer season is that it seems that the pace of life slows just a bit, and when our pace slows down, our opportunities to notice and bask in the grace of God increase. It's less based on physical location than on our soul's location. I hope and pray that over these summer months, you each find space and time to breathe deeply of God's grace and peace.

Our church office will be "closed" on Mondays over the summer, to allow our Parish Coordinator to have a little more time of deep breaths, while still covering the work of tending to our church needs. I will continue my schedule of taking Fridays off, however, I will spend my Mondays spending time with you. This summer when some of the Bible studies pause and meetings lessen, I hope to get around to visit and meet all of our homebound members. I hope to spend time drinking tea and coffee with you, getting to know more of your stories and who you are. I hope to listen and hear some of your dreams and hopes for our church and community. I look forward to talking and walking and praying with you. That means I won't always be at the church building, but PLEASE – if you want to have conversation or meet me at church, just call. All it takes is penciling in a time, and you'll find me always at the church when I know you're coming! ☺

I look forward to hearing and experiencing all that God does through PRCC this summer. Many of you will be on vacations, and I hope you do take pictures of "PRCC on the move" with you so we can share in your joy! Whether it's the joy of Vacation Bible School or vacation with family or just quiet moments, I pray that this season of summer will be one filled with holy moments that restore your soul. Thank you for giving me a couple weeks in July to get away for my family vacation and for allowing me to share in your lives and ministries too! Get ready...summer's here! Thanks be to God!

~ Pastor Carol



WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH US IN JUNE

June 2
(Food
Collection)

Church is Liberated
Holy Communion
Graduation Sunday
Summer Sunday School Begins
Youth Group

June 9

Church is Spirit-Led
Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red!
Strawberry Festival

June 16

Trinity Sunday
Father's Day
Folk Sunday – 10:00 am Service
Recognition of Board Members

June 23

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 30

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Pet Blessing – 8:30 am Service

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The second Chapter of Acts tells the story of the Pentecost Day when the Holy Spirit moved through the Apostles after Jesus' Ascension. The day of Pentecost was a Jewish holiday, celebrating 50 days after Passover, after the escape from Egypt and when Moses brought down the law (10 Commandments) from Mt. Sinai. This day when Jews from all around the area were gathered in Jerusalem was one to remember as Peter was preaching and everyone heard their own language. In a reversal of the Tower of Babel (when speech was confused/scrambled), everyone heard clearly the message from God. And, this day, we celebrate the birth of the Christian church! We wear red as a sign of the Holy Spirit and the flames that rested on each one. We use doves as another symbol of God's holy Spirit. This is a special day when we remember and claim the movement of God! **WEAR YOUR RED!**

WORSHIP IN JUNE

Our Food and Faith Sermon Series will start June 16 and go through July 7. Mirroring the stories that our children learn in Vacation Bible School, we will explore the ways that in scripture food is a sign of God's presence and activity. During this series, please bring extra donations for our food pantry! We will consider the stories of Manna in the Wilderness, A Widow's Gift in Zarephath, the feeding of the 5,000 from a child's lunch box, and the Last Supper. Each of these instances and many more convey God's abundant care and enduring love for humanity. Come, taste, and see!!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

PRCC Garden Worship begins May 26th at 8:30 am. Every Sunday, weather permitting, through Labor Day our early morning Chapel service moves outdoors to the Carriage House lawn. Bring your chairs and enjoy worship outdoors!

FOLK SERVICE

The annual PRCC Folk Service will be held once again on Father's Day, June 16th, at the 10:00 am service.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We have many students from our congregation and related to members of PRCC, who are graduating high school, college, and graduate schools. We will honor each one by name on Sunday, June 2, when we will also share a publication featuring each one's names, picture, and post-graduation plans. Our prayers and celebratory cheers are with each of these students, knowing that there is nothing like having an entire faith community in your corner! A few of our graduates are: Sean O'Brien, Grace Taglia, Meredith Burke, Tara Burke, Joey Mack, Ellen Longman...and who are we missing? Please send name, photo, and information into the church office so that we may celebrate them on June 2!

PET BLESSING – June 30th

Our pets are parts of our family and reminders of the goodness of God experienced through creation! St. Francis blessed all the creatures, and many churches host Pet Blessings to honor the tradition of claiming these beloved creatures as God's very own. You are invited to bring your pets (on a leash or cage or bowl, etc) to the 8:30 am worship service, where Pastor Carol will bless each one. Snakes, hamsters, fish, cats, dogs, mice, rats...whatever you've got, God loves them all!

MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE

Our July and August sermon series will highlight movies that have taught us something about God or what it means to be a person of faith. YOU are invited to nominate movies that have been revelatory to you! Star Wars? Lion King? You tell us what movie you think reveals something about God and why! Send suggestions into the church office, and Pastor Carol and staff will select a movie for each week based on your submissions. Throughout July and August, we will host movies on Wednesday evenings with popcorn that will pertain to the upcoming sermon/worship topic! Mark your calendars and send in your movie suggestions! *(Some movies may be more appropriate for all ages and others may be more for an adult-only audience.)*

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Our prayer focus for June is on transitions. Students are transitioning to a summer schedule and for some the excitement of graduation and next steps into the world. Our church leadership is transitioning; some with new roles on the board and some retiring to different endeavors. We pray for all those experiencing transitions of all kinds. We also continue to pray for: 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, Greg McDonough, 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 May requests:

Life in the Resurrection

- Please continue prayers for the family and friends of Carole Nelson who entered Life in the Resurrection on May 16th. A memorial service will be held on June 9th at 2:00 pm.
- Jane Scheurer's son in law entered Life in the Resurrection on May 24th.
- Please keep the family and friends of Jane Scheurer's son-in-law Kevin McKee in your prayers. Kevin entered eternal life on 5/24.
- Continue to pray for the Longman and Zuegel families as they prepare to celebrate the life of Nancy Zuegel Saturday 6/1 at 11 am
- A Memorial Service for Carole Nelson will be held here at PRCC on June 9th at 2:00 pm.

Healing and Recovery

- Luan asks for prayers for Bill who continues to recover from a recent visit to the hospital.
- Please pray for all of those in recovery and those struggling with addiction
- Thank you for continued prayers for Bill Rx.
- Susan and Tom Ruth are grateful for all of the cards and calls.
- Continued prayer for Angie Weber's mom recovering from pneumonia.
- Continued prayers for John Douglass in hospice care.
- Prayers for a brother in law experiencing Mother's Day for the first year without his mom.
- Prayers for my sister who won't acknowledge a son she gave up for adoption decades ago & her son trying to understand why.
- Continued prayers for Cindy Klimmeck's friend's son who is struggling with mental illness.
- Rick W. asked for prayers for his sister in law Debbie who suffered a stroke.
- Please pray for Beth's close friend, diagnosed with advanced stage cancer.
- Laurie Runtz asks for prayers for a friend in hospice, only 43 with an inoperable liver tumor.
- We keep the Ginger family in our prayers as they gathered to

celebrate the life of Irene on 4/27.

-We continue to pray for Phil, Melissa, and Erik Nelson after the sudden death of Emily. Please keep her fiancé Tony and her friends in your prayers as well.

- We pray for the victims of tornadoes and flooding that have been widespread this spring.

-Rachel Born asked for prayers for her great uncle John and her grandpa, Dave Douglass visiting him.

- Please pray with Katie for a friend suffering from postpartum depression and the loss of her baby.

Travel

-We pray for Devon Williams who will be traveling in Eastern Europe on her own this summer

Birthdays/Anniversaries

-Happy birthday to Mark Holihan today.

-John Weber is celebrating his 9th birthday on 5/7.

-Happy Birthday to Judy Artrip on 5/12.

-Sydney Hollingsworth turned 11 the week of May 12th.

-Happy Birthday to Carrie and Deuce Hill on May 30th!

Joys

-We celebrate our 176th Annual Meeting on 5/6 and the faithful leadership of this congregation.

-On 5/12 we celebrate all mothers and rejoice in the Baptism of Emma Hollingsworth. We also appreciate the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School for their outreach project.

-Ed Numrych shared the joy of his granddaughter graduating college.

-John and Kathy Davis celebrate the birth of their grandson Lincoln Tosh. Please continue prayers for healthy development.

-It is a joy to have Bill Jr. and Emily Zoellner visiting this month.

-Charlie Giera was happy to report a wonderful Easter with family and a good doctors visit.

- It is a joy to celebrate the birth of Mark Holihan's grandson, Felix Georgakis on April 29th. Parents Rachel and Billy Georgakis are happy and healthy!

- New grandson Murphy Holihan, born unexpectedly at home.

-It is a joy to have Ed Numrych's family in church today; welcome to Darlene, David and Sarah.

-New grandson Finley Wylder Keady born this week in New Jersey.

Confirmation Sunday Blessing

*Bless this church which brings us together, welcomes, loves,
and holds us forever.*

*Hold us tight and keep us near as we search for your light to
take away fear.*

*Feeling the calm that's around and above, filling us with
endless love.*

*Look to the cross upon the steeple, where is stands for all
the people.*

*Use the talents given so free helping us to worship thee.
Surrounded by the Spirit we now pray God's blessings on our
church this day.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." Revelation 21:3-4 (New American Bible)

Usually I find the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky a place of comfort and peace. So you can imagine my surprise when I found myself crying through Mass on Sunday morning. Of course I didn't have a tissue because I never cry. (Well, hardly ever.) It was ugly.

The liturgy included the famous vision from Revelation of the new order where there will no longer be death or mourning, crying or pain. I have heard, indeed all of us have heard, that promise a thousand times. But that morning I had a reaction to the sharing in the life of Christ (which is, after all, what communion is) that left me overcome with the misery and the suffering of the world and wondering how God can stand it.

It wasn't triggered by my personal troubles; although everyone has some rotten, difficult things in their life, it wasn't about me. It was the pain all around me. It was the two horribly disabled people in wheelchairs attending mass with their families. It was the bravery of three young women I know who are battling breast cancer as they raise young children. It was the fortitude of a friend whose lone concession to her own debilitating and painful physical condition is an occasional swear word. It was the discussion with my cousins about the struggles of their children dealing with substance abuse. It was the recent deaths in our church family. It was living in a country where racism and sexism and xenophobia are accepted by 40 percent of the population.

So much misery! How is it to be borne by God? By us?

I went for a walk to clear to my head. I took a gravel path out into the woods, and as I walked, I began my usual mantra. "Don't look down. Don't look down. Don't look down." This might seem an unusual chant if you have never been on this path. You should know that the gravel is from a quarry where the limestone was once an ancient seabed. If you look down your eye will catch the distinctive round shape of a crinoid, the exoskeleton of an ancient sea creature. At that point, you will spend your entire walk seeing only those fossils, and filling

your pockets with them, because you cannot help yourself. Thus the chant: "Don't look down. Don't look down. Don't look down."

And then in the second flash of the day, it hit me. That was exactly what I had been doing – looking down! What I should have been doing was focusing on God.

St. Bonaventure (a very cool guy by the way) said that his "whole metaphysics" (aka theological world view) could be summarized as "emanation; exemplarity; and consummation, to be illumined by spiritual rays and to be led back to the highest reality." In other words, God makes God's self and precepts available to us and in us, in order to lead the way to God's kingdom.

Looking up to God is trusting God's promise to be with us when times are difficult, to illuminate the dark places, and to bring to fulfillment a new order.

I have no better answer than Job for why God allows the suffering around us. However, I do know that if you are feeling overwhelmed by painful circumstances in your life, you don't have to keep walking with your head down. Speak to Pastor Carol (847-823-3164), Ginny Feurer (847-840-7082), or any Stephen Leader, about the new perspective a Stephen Minister can bring.





SUMMER NEWS

FAREWELL AND BLESSINGS TO RICK HAGEDORN

Rick Hagedorn, our organist of 20 years, has resigned from Park Ridge Community Church. We give thanks for his years of service, for the beautiful music that has blessed our worship services, concerts, and community at large. Our prayers go with Rick as he begins this next chapter in his life and career. A love offering is being collected and will be given to Rick in celebration of his work and ministry among us.

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

Please mark your calendars and join us on Tuesdays this summer with your sack lunch. Come to Jordan Hall between 11:30 and 1:00 pm and we will provide a delicious dessert as well as weather appropriate beverages. If you need more information or have questions, please talk to Liz Swanson.

6/4 – Celebrating June Birthday

6/11 – Music Extravaganza by Sasha

6/18 – Second Sense, a presentation on resources for those experiencing low vision issues

6/25 – BINGO

7/2 – NO KSC – HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



SECOND SENSE

Second Sense helps individuals face the emotional and practical challenges of vision loss. Their certified professionals provide education and training to enable a person to travel independently, use technology and continue to accomplish daily tasks. Training is tailored to meet individual needs and goals. Speaker Kathy Austin will join us at Kinder Spirits Café on June 18th to talk about the impact of losing vision as well as answer questions regarding their training, resources, and answer questions about guide dogs!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday 6/21 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Senior Contact is hosting an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social for the senior members of our congregation in Park Place Room on Friday, June 21. If you are a senior going to the concert or just looking for a little treat, come a little early for time to socialize and ice cream.

KNITTING KNIGHTS

It's a **RED** and **ORANGE** summer for the Knitting Knight crafters. Our orange yarn supply will be made up into pumpkins and autumnal items to prepare for the fall season. Red yarn will be made up into baby hats and adult scarves. Join us for Knit in Public Day or please talk to Liz Swanson for information.

Saturday 6/8 from 10:00 to noon for Worldwide Knit in Public Day in the front yard of the church – the corner of Prospect and Courtland. Please bring your own chair.



MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES – Balloons at PRCC

While we all appreciate the joy that balloons can bring to an event, when they escape and float up to the ceiling, they can cause serious and expensive electrical problems if they get tangled in the ceiling fans. For this reason, the Trustees have decided to make PRCC a "No Balloon Zone." We trust this will not detract from any festivities and appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you - PRCC Trustees



SUMMER NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Stephen and Emily Cady are coming to town!!

On Thursday, August 15th we will celebrate their arrival with a big party in The Great Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

If you would like to help in the planning and execution of this event please email Cindy Klimmeck at klimmeckfamily@comcast.net.

AND Stephen will be our guest speaker at both church services on Sunday, August 18.

CIRCLE 10 NEWS

LE CHEAP BOUTIQUE

Women's Circle 10 wishes to thank the entire congregation for overwhelming support of our 2019 accessory resale event. We are grateful for giving donors, generous shoppers, Jaclyn's office assistance, set up help from the "Basketball Guys" and helpful husbands and so many others on hand for cleanup.

Our lovely publicity flyer was provided once again by Rex Parker. As a result of so many efforts, we are proud to donate a large sum to The Harbour for their ongoing work and to also continue to support our Circle benevolence projects.



2019 MISSION TRIP

Sign-up for the high school mission trip is still going on. We will be traveling to the Adirondack mountains in New York July 20-27th. This trip is open to youth entering high school through graduating seniors. Please contact Kevin Plach or the office for more information. There will be an informational meeting for those going on June 13th at 6:30 pm in the Carriage House.

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

Thank you to all that helped make the lunch a success. We especially thank everyone who patiently waited for the food! Sunrise Grill has graciously donated all the food that was provided!! The owner of the restaurant felt badly for the delay and hopes we will continue to call upon them in the future.

MONDAY EVENING MEDITATION

Beginning June 3rd we will be offering a weekly mindfulness meditation gathering at 6:00 pm led by Cindy Klimmeck. It will last approximately 40 minutes comprised of a short instruction time, practice and feedback. Great for anyone interested in trying meditation for the first or 1000th time. All are welcome. Friday morning meditation will also continue.

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 3rd through Labor Day, the Church Office will switch to summer office hours, Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Pastor Carol will be available Mondays for conversations by appointment.





SUMMER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Sean O'Brien for receiving the 2019 Eric Nelson scholarship, we look forward to his successes at the University of Iowa! We also congratulate and give loving thanks to Tim & Laura Lapp recipients of this year's 2nd Mile Award. Thank you both for sharing your time and talents with us!

FINANCIAL LITERACY SERIES

The Fund Managers and Church Treasurer are sponsoring a two-part series on personal finances, wealth management, and tax and estate planning. The first session will be a panel discussion with Tom Klimmeck, Eric Johnson, and representatives from Northern Trust and Sassetti, CPA, covering basic concepts of investing and accumulating wealth. An outline for this session can be found on the church website under Upcoming Events. The second will feature an in-depth discussion of asset protection, trusts, and estate planning presented by Michael Ticknor, Vice President, from Northern Trust. Feel free to attend one or both. **Sessions will be held in the parlor on Wednesday June 5 and June 12 beginning at 7:00 pm** with time for questions after each presentation. Contact Anita Rifkind or Tom Klimmeck for more information.

Agenda for June 5th Session – Parlor off Jordan Hall

1. Before you start investing
2. Inflation overview
3. Compound interest and how it can work for you
4. Time value of money
5. Risk and return overview
6. What is an investment asset?
 - a. Major asset classes
 - b. Difference between bonds and stocks
7. Diversification
8. Indexes
 - a. Most commonly used indexes are
 - b. Passive and active management of funds
9. Asset allocation
10. Risk of stock market loss over time
 - a. Chart the historical stock market returns
 - b. Example of \$1 invested from 1999-2018
 - c. The cost of market timing
 - d. Growth of \$1 invested since 1926
 - e. The importance of staying invested

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

On June 9th, Circle 19 invites you to a strawberry social after the 10 am service. Pray for good weather so we can sit outside and enjoy some social time and delicious strawberry sundaes. We welcome you to bring a picnic to enjoy. Tables and chairs will be set up outside of Park Place room. Shortcake, strawberries and whipped cream will be provided and of course coffee, tea, lemonade and water.

JUNIOR CHOIR CAMP

What:

A "Choir Camp" for our kids. For 3 hours a day they would learn about singing (both in choir and solo), reading music, performance techniques, show choir movements, handbells, stage presence and acting skills. The days would consist of warm-ups, sectionals, music and acting direction, skill/team building games and full group rehearsals. Each day includes a break half way through with a snack for each child. At the end of the session there would be a free concert for families and friends to attend and see the results of our hard work.

When:

August 19-23, 2019, 1-4:00 p.m. daily (except * below).

August 23 – the session would be from 2:30-5:30, time to change and have food, and then the concert is at 6 p.m. This change is to make sure everyone's families can attend the concert after work.

Who:

Boys and girls, from (entering) 2nd grade through those entering 6th grade in the fall. Friends from other schools and other churches are most welcome!

Cost:

\$100 per child (*sibling discount and scholarships available, if needed*)

Cash or checks made out to PRCC. Please put Junior Choir Camp in the memo and give to Sasha.

What's included in the cost?: Five days of fabulous music instruction, a PRCC Choir camp t-shirt, daily snacks, dinner on the concert day, a music folder, all sheet music and materials needed.

Where:

PRCC 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068.

WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE

Our Outgoing and Incoming Leaders will be blessed and celebrated on Sunday, June 16 in both services.

We give thanks for the many Saints among us who have been serving in a variety of capacities for many years. We celebrate the ministry of these folks and the ways that through their meetings, time, energy, dreaming, researching, and creativity new ministries have taken shape, lives have been transformed, and this church has been greatly impacted. It's impossible to overstate the value added by these persons saying "yes" to God and "yes" to the Nominating committee in years past. As these persons step down from these areas of serving and into new ministries or take some time for renewal, we give thanks and our most heartfelt appreciation. The changes were affirmed at our annual meeting.

Giving thanks for:

- Bill Williams, in his role as Acting Vice Chair/ Finance Chair
- Paula Mack, in her role as Membership Committee Co-Chair
- Tricia Williams, in her role as Membership Committee Co-Chair
- Luan Zoellner, in her role as Outreach Co-Chair
- Debbie Dietke, in her role as Outreach Co-Chair
- Tim Lapp, in his role as Chair of the Ushers
- Jan Steiner, in her role as Chair of Social Committee Chair
- Kevin Plach, in his role as Chair of the Youth Committee
- Siri Nelson, in her role as Deacon, where she's served as Co-Chair
- Sandy Bowen, in her role as Deacon
- Angie Pappassavas, in her role as Deacon
- Thom Goodwin, in his role as Deacon and his role as Trustee
- Kathy Logan, in her role as Deacon
- Anita Rifkind, in her role as Faith Development Co-Chair

While these leaders conclude these particular ministries, we celebrate that others have stepped up and are ready and willing to serve. We give thanks for the ways that God will bless and use these leaders in new ways, in their new roles.

Giving thanks for:

- Thom Goodwin, in his new role of Vice Chair
- Sara Born, in her new role as Co-Chair of Membership Committee
- Sue Douglass, in her new role as Co-Chair of Membership Committee
- Laura Lapp, in her new role as Outreach Chair
- Dave Kapolnek, in his new role as Chair of Ushers
- Dan Smith, in his new role as Co-Chair of Social Committee
- Sarah McCarty, in her new role as Co-Chair of Social Committee
- Aimee Collins, in her new role as Co-Chair of the Youth Committee
- Andrea Goodwin, in her new role as Co-Chair of the Youth Committee
- Joe DeYoung, in his new role as Trustee
- Naomi Siebert, in her new role Deacon
- Sarah Young, in her new role as Deacon
- Carrie Plach, in her new role as Deacon
- John Davis, in his new role as Deacon
- Terry Kallen, in her new role as Faith Development Co-Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to all who answered our phone calls and have volunteered to serve in leadership positions at our beloved church. And of course, we must recognize and thank those who are stepping down from their leadership roles, stepping into other areas of service or taking a well-deserved break and taking time to reflect on where they might be called to serve next. Sarah McCarty, Dave Kapolnek, Jan Steiner, Karen Nelson, Naomi Siebert, Tricia Williams *Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.* 1 Corinthians 12:4-7



BOARD NEWS

BOARD TRANSITION

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 21 and celebrated a beautiful Annual meeting. We gave thanks for those who are stepping down from leadership positions and thanks for the work of the Nominations Committee. In June, all the newly elected officers will join the Board, and we will have a “hand off” of materials and responsibilities. Our time as a Board of Directors includes many meetings, but also a monthly connection that becomes a place of love and support. It has been a blessing to serve with each one!

ROOF WORK

The work has begun on the Great Hall. First step was for the scaffolding to be set in place. The second step is the masonry work. Many people have noticed the new limestone caps have been installed. Once the masonry work is finished, the roofing work will begin. The tile roof will be replaced with shingles to match the rest of the church.

FINANCE REVIEW

Our giving has been essentially right on track with what we had budgeted for the year, and we celebrate the generosity and consistent giving of our congregation to allow us to continue walking by faith. We had a little extra expense in paying for the rest of the youth mission trip, but that was expected and will be offset as participants submit payment.

SENIOR MINISTER'S REPORT

Pastor Carol reported to the Board about the Summer schedule, plans to visit with Senior Members of the church, building relationships with the College Students, and coffee and conversations with members. Pastor Carol will be taking two weeks of vacation with her family in July to their family home in New Hampshire, followed by chaperoning the youth mission trip. She requested our blessing to move our Stewardship month to November in 2019 to allow for an 8 week series on the Diversity of Faith traditions in the Fall, which will include some trips to the Bahai Temple, a Mosque, synagogue and more. Pastor Carol introduced the concept that each year we have a “Learn and Go” experience that would culminate in a trip to see with our own eyes.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Board affirmed the Office schedule for the summer, which includes having the church office closed on Mondays due to lack of church activity on Mondays and to give the staff a little more time out of the building. Church phone calls will continue to be answered Monday – Friday, and the Minister is always available to meet and visit if an appointment is requested.

BOARD ON THE GO

Our Board of Directors will meet in June at the Carriage House with our incoming leaders and our outgoing leaders. There will be no meeting in July. However in August, our Board is going to Ravinia on August 12th to hear Sarah McLachlan in concert on the lawn. Thanks to Mark Holihan for organizing!





MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

With much joy we received the following new members on April 28 at the 10 am service:

Bill Nelles

Cindy and Dale Reynolds

Eileen Riley

Brendan Joyce

Tim and Sally Mauery

We also welcomed Ryen Desmedt, Claire Kallen and Sam Taglia as members on May 19 when these three young people were confirmed.

We look forward to all our new members joining us on our journey of faith.

The next new member information session will be on September 16, 2019 and the next New Member Sunday will be on September 29, 2019 at the 10 am service.

For more information about membership, please contact the office or anyone on the membership committee.



NAME TAGS

If you're attending the 8:30AM garden service in the summer, please feel free to grab your name tag and take it home with you so you have it to wear outdoors on Sundays.

COFFEE HOUR

Now that the garden service has begun our coffee hour fellowship will be on hiatus. There will always be coffee downstairs in Jordan Hall but there will not be coffee hour hosts providing treats each week. If you're attending the 10 am service and staying for coffee hour, please feel free to bring something to share.

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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Sunday School teachers as a group are recognized this month in the Volunteer Spotlight.

Sheila Blackburn, Julie Smith, Kiera Kallen, Sarah McCarty, Nicole Magnuson, Katie Hill, Nikki Craig, Isabela Brown, Natalie Brown, JoEllen Flener, Andrea Goodwin, Chris Chandler and Rick Benedetto have given generously of their time and talent each week since September as Sunday School teachers for our pre-schoolers all the way to our high school youth. There are an average of 40 youth in Sunday School each week and these volunteers share Bible lessons, service projects, highs and lows and prayers with the youth. The relationships that are formed are a blessing to both the kids and the adults. Learning, growing, serving and playing together is truly evident in this area of service. Perhaps you feel called to join in this area of service at PRCC? Contact Shelley or Teri at SundaySchool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org for more information.





OUTREACH NEWS

MAINE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry donations are always needed, especially in the summer months when donations start to dwindle. With our June Food & Faith Sermon focus, we invite you to share your food richness with those experiencing food insecurity. Be inspired to share your bounty in June and through the summer by dropping off non-perishable items in the cart in the Park Place Room!

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Lincoln Park Community Shelter is changing its name to **Lincoln Park Community Services!** PRCC has been blessed to partner with LPCS for over 18 years. We have provided once a month dinners for their clients. The shelter has expanded this spring to include a brand new facility at 1521 Sedgwick Ave. They will be able to provide more services to more clients using booth their new location and their "old" one. Hence, their new name more closely aligns with their mission to serve the homeless in new and varied ways. We are excited for this new chapter in the life of the shelter to begin.

On **Thursday, June 6th** we will be cooking and serving dinner for **Lincoln Park Community Services**. Cooking assistance is needed beginning at 2:30 pm in the church kitchen. Those wishing to serve should meet in the Park Place Room at 5:30 pm. We will return to church by 9:00. Please considering participating in this worthwhile Outreach project. For more information contact Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net)

Because our next serving date is a holiday (4th of July), we will be providing a pizza party for the shelter. No help will be need for that date.

Looking ahead, we will be serving again on **August 1st**. That would be an excellent opportunity for families to consider serving together. Lincoln Park has no age restrictions, so younger children (5 and up) are welcome. Be sure to let Luan know if you are interested in volunteering.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mission Trip 2019

Join us in New York!!





Adirondack Mtns.

In Warrensburg, our group will help with Kids Club programming, maintain community gardens and assist with home repair projects, while experiencing the area's rural wilderness. In the evenings, we'll have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Adirondack Mountains or cool off in Lake George at Million Dollar Beach. As the week comes to an end, we'll share a meal with neighbors at a community cookout. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2007.

WHEN
July 20-27, 2019
We are driving, with overnight stops in Rochester, NY & Mentor, OH

WHO
Youth entering 9th grade - graduated 12th grade

COST
\$500
Youth may use funds from youth accounts.

1

SIGN UP TODAY

Limited spaces are available so sign up today!

2

PAYMENT/FORMS

Drop off forms and payment to the church office!

3

QUESTIONS??

Contact church office (847) 823-3164
office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

THANK YOU!

To PRCC and the Youth Committee,

I am so honored to have received the Eric Nelson Scholarship this year. I am so lucky to have grown up on such a wonderful church. I promise to go out into the world and be a good representative of PRCC. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Sean O'Brien

PRCC YOUTH GROUP Summer SCHEDULE!

JUNE

- ◆ Saturday, June 1st - End of the Year BBQ
- ◆ Monday, June 24th - Six Flags Great America

JULY

- ◆ Thursday, July 11th - Beach Day & Taste of PR
- ◆ July 20th-July 27th - High School Mission Trip
- ◆ Wednesday, July 31st - Magic Waters

AUGUST

- ◆ Wednesday, August 7th - Back to School Bonfire



Contact Kate & Darcy for more info!
youth@parkridgecommunitychurch.org
Instagram: prccyouthgroup



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — Volunteers Needed

Join us for **Summer Sunday School** (all kids preK-3rd grade, plus older children and youth helping), with crafts, short lessons, and activities during 10 am worship, June 2 - Aug. 25. Adult volunteers are needed:

sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org to sign up for a week or two!

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.

Would you like to help with Summer Sunday School or next year's school-year classes? We can always use loving adult and youth teachers and assistants—no experience needed! Lesson plans and supplies are provided. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help guide the children of PRCC on their spiritual paths.

2018-19 Wrap Up

A huge **thank you** to our 2018-19 regular Sunday school volunteer teachers, helpers, and music leaders, listed below. We deeply appreciate the loving care and guidance offered to our children by these generous folks throughout the school year. Feel free to thank them yourself, now that they won't be tucked away in a classroom during 10 am worship!

Preschool: Sheila Blackburn, Julie Smith & Kiera Kallen

Kindergarten: Nikki Craig & Isabela Brown

1st & 2nd grade: Sarah McCarty, Nicole Magnuson & Katie Hill

3rd grade: Natalie Brown & JoEllen Flener

4th & 5th grade: Andrea Goodwin

middle & high school: Chris Chandler & Rick Benedetto

music: Angie & Andrew Weber

nursery: Vicki Kelly, Kyrie Nelson & Kendall Battaglia.

ACOLYTE PROGRAM

We have so enjoyed our renewed acolyte program! Look for a training / refresher in August, so we can resume in September.

Thank you to the following Jan.-May 2019 acolytes: Aiden Chacko, Lily Craig, Emma Dase, Aria Geye, Alena Goodwin, Sam Hollingsworth, Sydney Hollingsworth, Nate Jarvis, Lucas Runtz, Miranda Thomas, and John Weber.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH

Thank you for a very successful year of outreach for the Sunday school! The children learned about how to support others in our community and beyond. Their offerings and church-wide teamwork allowed us to: build puppies, decorate pumpkins for Senior Contact, donate to the CROP Walk, buy gift cards for Maryville, donate animals through Heifer International, pack over 100 lunches for Uncle Pete's, and donate to Open Heart Magic and Culinary Care!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Congratulations to 8th graders Ryen Desmedt, Claire Kallen and Sam Taglia, our 2019 Confirmands, celebrated in 10 am worship on May 19. They and their 6th and 7th grade classmates have worked with Confirmation leaders Bob Mack, Siri Nelson and Jim Pantazi throughout the year. The class studies tenets of our faith, discusses how students can impact the wider world, serves the church and community, and has some fun along the way! We are so proud of our students and grateful that their families make Confirmation a priority. Confirmation class resumes in September for middle school students.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children age 3 through finishing 3rd grade are invited to **Community Church Café VBS Mon. June 17 through Thurs. June 20, 5:30-7:30 pm!** We will enjoy VBS here at PRCC, learning about food and the Bible through story time, games, crafts, science, snack and music, culminating in a family gathering with music and a special treat at 7:30 pm Thursday, June 20. \$20/child or \$50/family of 3 or more. Registration and volunteer forms are available in Park Place Room or the Sunday school wing or online at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Volunteers are needed--adults, youth, and children finishing 4th grade or older--as station leaders, group leaders, assistants, etc. It's a group effort with considerable rewards, such as getting to know the kids and families, serving the community, and having fun!

Thank You!

DATES:

JUNE 17-20

TIME:

5:30-7:30 pm

AGES:

PreK-3rd
grade

*older students can sign
up to be helpers*

COST:

\$20*/child

*Family Max \$50

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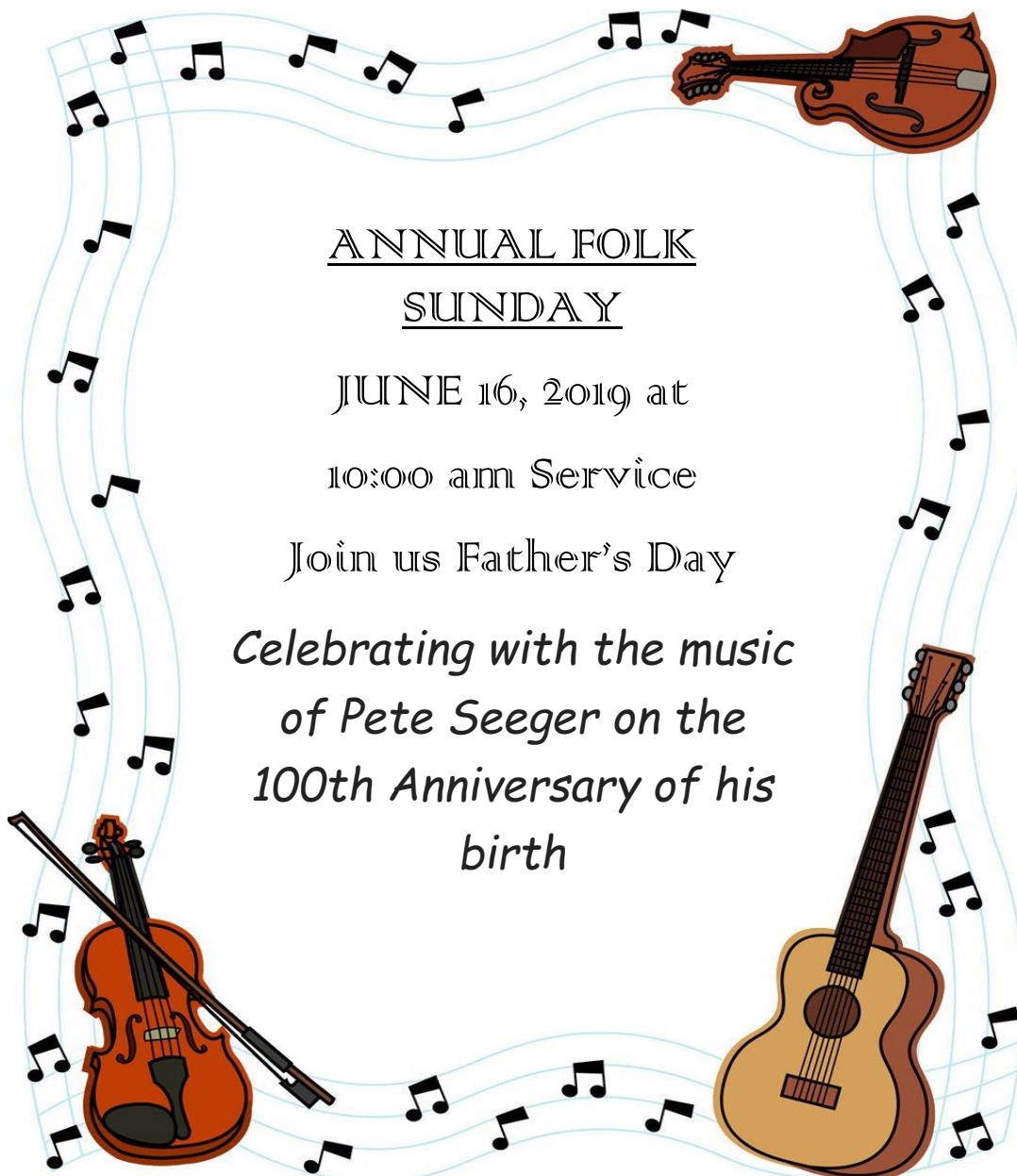
ANNUAL FOLK SUNDAY

JUNE 16, 2019 at

10:00 am Service

Join us Father's Day

*Celebrating with the music
of Pete Seeger on the
100th Anniversary of his
birth*



MAY SNAPSHOTS



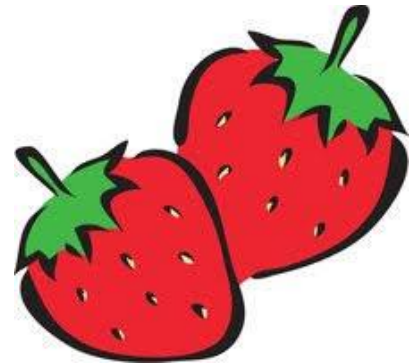


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