

# THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021



## Welcome Home!!!!

By Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Every time I travel, no matter how long I'm gone, I love the feeling of coming home. Flying into O'Hare, looking out the window to see if I can recognize landmarks, I get so excited. I can't wait to get back to my home, my family, my routines. I love the comfort of seeing the people I love; in the places I love. Coming home.

As a child, my family moved around a LOT. I counted it one time and realized we had moved 11 times before I graduated from High School. (Side note: As a result I now HATE moving and I intend to stay in our current house for the rest of my life). But...in all that turmoil, one thing always remained constant. My best friend Carol. No matter how many times we moved, I could always call Carol and she would always answer. To this day, she is that friend in my life.

I imagine we all have that special best friend or favorite family member in our lives. You know, the one person you can go months without seeing, but the minute they walk in the door, it's as if you saw them just yesterday. That warm and caring, but easy relationship. You are so very happy to see each and immediately fall into your familiar pattern of lighthearted teasing and friendly banter. You can tell them anything, truly anything, without fear of judgement. They know you better than anyone in the world and if you needed them, they would be there for you in a heartbeat. Can you think of that person in your life? And do you smile when you picture them? I sure do. It feels like "home".

Lately, in a concerted effort to not dwell on the negative, I spent some time thinking about the things that bring me great joy in my life, like Carol and our friendship. Then I went a step deeper and thought about the multitude of blessings I experience each and every day.

And I realized quickly, that is EXACTLY how I feel about coming to church every Sunday at PRCC.

Did you know I started singing at PRCC in January, 1995? As the soprano soloist. Then I became Music Director in 1999. Where did THAT time go? So, that means I have now officially been coming to church at PRCC for more than half my life! And, like in any relationship, there have been some

ups and downs, moments of feeling upset, or distant, or annoyed at decisions, or whatever, but no matter what, every time I walked through the door, I was greeted with love and warmth, as if I never left, just like a best friend.

Recently, we started choir rehearsal again. And honestly after being away from choir for 16 months I was a little nervous I wouldn't be "good at it" anymore. That I had forgotten how to wave my arms or listen for the tenor part or lead the alto line... I had anxiety that things would be different, masks and social distancing, rehearsing down in the sanctuary... all the things. But nope, it was amazing. The minute the chancel choir started singing I felt the tears of joy well up in my eyes. A few weeks later, the minute the junior choir camp had its first day, I couldn't keep the smile off of my face. It was GLORIOUS!! I was home.

For me, Choir is like a family within the family. Pastor Carol talks about the "congregations within the congregation" and that really resonates. Each of my choirs is a mini congregation. We love each other, can't wait to see each other, sometimes we get on each other's nerves, we laugh and cry together and walk beside each other in the journey of life. I know you each have your own "congregation within the congregation" with Bible studies, Sunday School, Christian Outreach, the Board, community groups, medical lending closet, knitting knights and so much more. And when you show up (...sometimes you want to go, where everybody knows your name... and they're always glad you came..."), it's like an old friend. You came home, where you are always welcome. Today, tomorrow and forever and ever. Amen.

It is my hope and prayer that you always feel that way. Even if life's ups and downs have taken you away for a few weeks, months, years, please know that you are ALWAYS welcome to come home to PRCC. No special invitation needed, the door is always open and we will welcome you just like that dear friend you are, with a hug and a smile and a place at the table. Much love to you all.





# “WELCOME HOME” Rally Day!

## September 12<sup>th</sup>

**What is Rally Day?** Rally Day is when our church gathers together after the summer schedule. We usually have one service so everyone can see one another, followed by a celebration, including food, fellowship, and fun. This year’s Rally Day will include some precautions to keep our community safe and will still kick off our next ministry year with a bang! Following Rally Day, our weekly church activities resume to their typical schedule.

### **Rally Day Schedule of Events:**

10:00 am - Outdoor Church Service under the Tent

11:30 am – Bike Parade and Ministry Fair

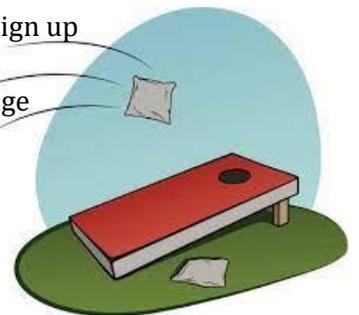
12:00 pm – Lunch (individual, boxed lunches)

#### Fellowship Activities:

- Corn Hole Tournament
- The Wehman Band Concert
- Carnival Games
- Wheel & Sprocket here to perform safety checks on bikes
- Nursery open

### **Ministry Fair** (more may be added)

- **Sunday School:** Register your child or youth for the upcoming year; ask questions about format, curriculum; Get dates for My Bible and My Communion; Sign up to volunteer as a teacher or assistant
- **Welcoming & Membership:** Learn more about PRCC; Sign up to become a member; Take a photo for the online directory; update your membership record
- **Couples’ Retreat:** Find out more details and sign up to attend the Couples’ Retreat in October in Lake Geneva, Oct. 1-3!
- **Fellowship/ Golf Outing:** Learn more about the Fellowship Events coming up in the next year. Sign up to join the team! Get details and sign up to join the Golf Outing on September 19<sup>th</sup>!
- **Music Ministry:** We have beautiful choirs who would love to welcome more singers and ringers! Would you like to join the chancel choir, Jr. Choir, Angeli Choir, or Bells on High? Find out about rehearsals and how you can get involved!
- **Creation Care:** Find out how you can get involved taking better care of our planet and its resources. Our creation Care team is hosting a bike to church day and would love to help all of us adopt new sustainable practices.
- **CROP WALK:** Sign up to walk in our CROP Walk or make a donation to support this effort to end hunger in our community and world!
- **Ushers:** Our Usher teams are looking to add some new volunteers to the ranks! Sign up for times that work for you, and help serve our congregation during worship.
- **Outreach:** Bring canned goods for the pantry, school supplies, items for the Bridge Project and more! Sign up to serve with Lincoln Park Shelter or at an upcoming Sunday night Supper.



# WORSHIP

## ONLINE & IN-PERSON

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

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



### September 5 – No Place Like Home

Holy Communion  
Jeremiah 31:1-9  
Labor Day Weekend

### September 12- Rally Day!

Welcome Home – *We Know When We're Home*  
Nursery Care Provided  
Wehman Band concert  
Corn hole tournament  
Bike Parade

### September 19 - Home is a Place of Healing

Luke 4:38-40  
8:30 Chapel Worship Inside  
10 am Service OUTSIDE  
Joe Mullins Band  
PRCC Golf Tournament

### September 26 – A Home's Foundation is Word and Action

Pastor Mollie preaching  
Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism  
Luke 6:46-49

## WAYS TO WORSHIP

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

## MASK POLICY

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

## NURSERY CARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Care will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday School will resume on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We are currently looking for Nursery Care help, if you are available, please contact Shelley or the Church Office.

## COMMUNION

On Sunday, September 5, we will receive communion. If you are watching from home, please take some time before worship to gather some bread and juice or wine. If you would prefer a pre-packaged wafer and juice, we will deliver it to you, upon request! If you are joining us in person, we will have individually wrapped elements for you. *We anticipate using the pre-packaged individual servings of communion for the foreseeable future.*

## WAYS TO GIVE:

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

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

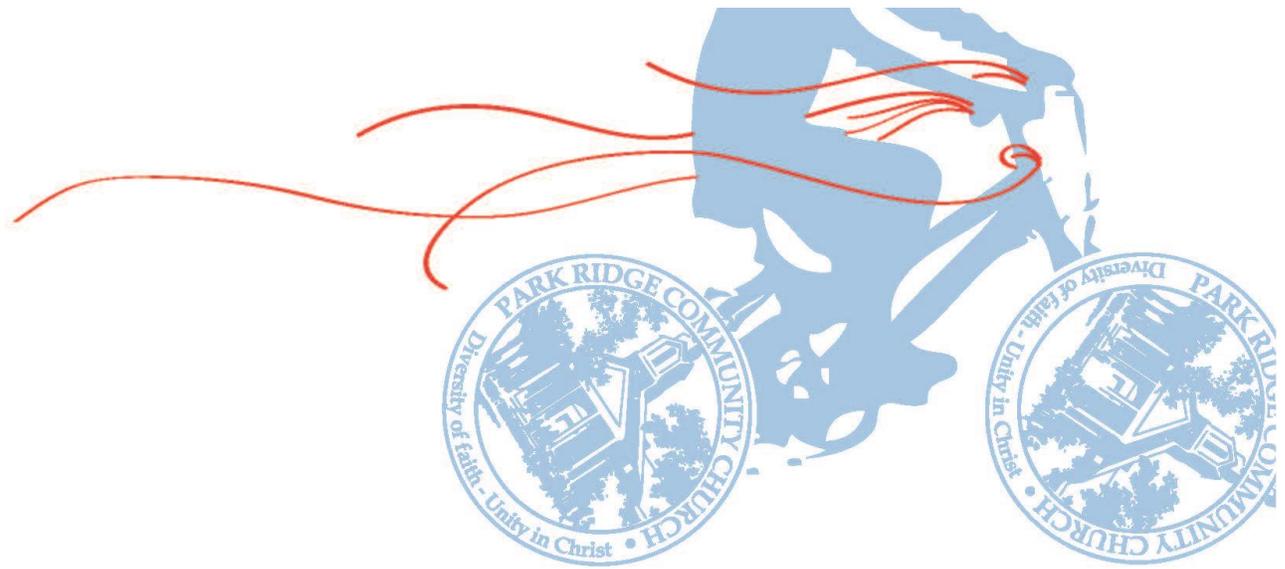
## ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP

Sign-up to help prepare the Church for a new year of ministry and celebration. The Trustees and staff have prepared a list of

opportunities to make our spaces tidy and shiny! Take a look at the list, sign up for a task or two with your family, friends, or ministry groups. ***A box of cleaning supplies will be available in the Park Place Room.*** Please pick a date between Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Below is a link to the sign up list.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea5a92aa0ffc16-church>



**It's back!**

**PRCC  
RALLY DAY  
BIKE PARADE**

Get out the streamers, horns and spoke noisemakers!

The parade will commence at the front steps  
of the church, immediately following  
the Rally Day service on Sunday, September 12.

# RALLY WEEKEND CONCERT

## BENEFITTING 2021 CROP WALK



**SUNDAY , SEPT. 12**  
**@ 12 PM**

**\$10 per adult donation**

**Park Ridge Community  
Church  
Under the Tent**

**Bring your lawn chairs and blanket;  
keep social distance and prepare to  
have a blast!**

**The Wehman-Band will thrill the  
audience of all ages during our Rally  
Day festivities!**

**A suggested \$10 donation per adult,  
plus donation basket will be available  
to support the 2021 Park Ridge/Niles  
CROP Walk! Donate Online:**

**[www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil)**

# Remembering September 11th

By Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

Twenty years ago, America watched in horror as airplanes collided with the World Trade towers, into the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania. We watched first responders take their lives in their hands (and many lost their lives that day) trying to save just one more person from the rubble. We watched as a war against terror was begun, entirely unaware that soldiers would spend decades trying to support a government in Afghanistan that would crumble the moment the U.S. stepped aside. A tumult of emotions: anger, fear, vulnerability, sadness, helplessness, hopelessness, grief and more raged within all of us. Twenty years ago, the congregation of Park Ridge Community Church was unwilling to be paralyzed by fear. Instead, we were motivated by faith. The doors were flung open. The community was invited to pray.

Here we are twenty years later, still feeling many of those same emotions. We are left wondering if any progress has been made in that time. We are aware of the lives lost on September 11, 2001 and in the two decades that followed in the pursuit of peace and an elimination of terrorist cells and terrorist leaders. There have been victories, and there have been casualties.

On this 20th anniversary of 9/11, Park Ridge Community Church will once more invite the community to gather and pray. Because of covid, we will remain outside. We will meet on the front steps of the church. We will have two spotlights lighting up the sky in memorial to the losses experienced on that day. We will remember. We will pray. We will honor our first responders - those who have given their lives serving our community, those in the armed services who have given their lives serving our country, and those who continue to serve day after day. Join us at 7 pm on the front steps. If the weather is uncooperative, we will go into the sanctuary. We won't cancel. We can't cancel. We must remember. We must pray.



# OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is an act of faith in our listening for God and in the sharing of our hearts. As we are reminded of the home that PRCC is to us and that each of us belongs here, we hold each other prayerfully and gently in the celebrations & challenges shared in the last few weeks.

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

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

## Life in the Resurrection

- Grace Curtis let us know that her mother-in-law who entered hospice last week entered life in the resurrection on 7/28. Please hold all those who knew & loved Barbara Milosevich in your prayers as they grieve her loss.
- Please hold the friends & family of Nuzlia Cocagne's grandfather in your prayers. Hagi Amir bin Madjri entered life in the resurrection on 7/25. He lived in Indonesia and had various health issues.
- Please pray for Mark Holihan and family as they have the difficult task of saying goodbye to their loyal & beloved pet, Charlie. Charlie has joined us many times in Sunday service and will be missed.
- Please hold in your prayers the family and friends of Gordon Smith, Ginny Feurer's cousin who entered life in the Resurrection 8/9.

## Healing and Recovery

- Luca Robert Benedetto was born on 7/28 and had open heart surgery two days later. The surgery took all day and the doctors were able to address all the major issues but a few other concerns were found. We pray in gratitude that Luca arrived safely, has this extensive surgery behind him but we continue to pray for this healing and progress in these critical next few days & weeks.
- Bernice & Elaine Zabawski reported that Mary S. is home from the hospital recovering from covid and pneumonia. They ask for continued prayer for their friend Renae who is struggling with the transition in an assisted living facility.
- Cindy Klimmeck has asked for prayers for her mother Betty who was hospitalized last week but happy to be back home now. Betty is being accessed for hospice care. Cindy asks for prayers for her comfort and peace of mind.

- Jane S asks for continued prayers for her sister, Marilyn and all those who are caring for her so tenderly. Jane is back & forth to visit Marilyn in the hospital and appreciates our support.
- Ginny Feurer asks us to continue to pray for her niece, Tracy as her transition from the hospital into skilled nursing care has been difficult. Tracy has much healing and recovery ahead of her and is very grateful for our prayer support.
- Kim Dohnke is asking for prayers for her brother Richard who is experiencing some health issues.
- Please pray for Pat Tamburrino who is had shoulder surgery 8/9.
- Please hold Marty McHugh in your prayers, he had hip surgery on 8/10.
- Colleen Moriarty updates that Katie, for whom we had been praying, is still battling a very serious form of cancer while raising a young son. Katie is currently much better and although she is sick, she is able to live her life well.
- Jaclyn Weir asks us to pray for her aunt Deanie who received a pacemaker on Friday morning.
- Katie Reboletti asks for prayers for her sister Rosy who will be facing surgery on 9/13. Rosy faces many different medical challenges and we continue to hold her in prayer as she approaches another surgery.
- Please pray for Bruce Nelson as he convalesces at home after a brief stay in LGH and now gains his strength back. Also keep his loving caregiver Karen in your prayers as well.
- Colleen Moriarty asks us to pray for 10 year old, Aubrey who had surgery to remove a brain tumor and now is fighting an infection.
- Pastor Carol's grandma Carolyn, as she undergoes testing in preparation for colon surgery.

## Joys

- Happy Anniversaries to Tim and Laura Lapp & Scott and Siri Nelson 37 years on 8/4.
- Rick & Gail Benedetto's 40th wedding anniversary on 8/8!
- We celebrate Grace & Tom Curtis's 24th wedding anniversary.
- We celebrate Evan Simpson's Eagle Scout court of honor award on 8/15.
- It's a joy to report that 3 year old Carson has had her 6 month follow up and remains cancer free, and is looking forward to the arrival of her baby brother in January.
- We celebrate our Young Adult gathering and the ways that relationships and connection can provide joy! We also celebrate a wonderful week of Junior Choir Camp, led by Sasha and team, which included over 19 kids singing and praising, experiencing the joy of music!
- Please hold our students and teachers in your prayers this week as schools resume...we pray for safety, kindness, wisdom, and lessons taught.
- We hold in our prayers a number of our church families helping with, in the middle of or contemplating a move to new homes. Moving can be a big job and deep source of stress at a time when there is already much stress in the world and so we hold all those in transition in our prayers.

## Travel

- We pray for all those traveling to or from vacations including our own Hill family as they make their way home.  
- Tricia asks for prayer for our friends & neighbors in Haiti, from assassination, earthquake and now looming tropical storm.

## Our Nation

-We remember and pray for police officers and firefighters, all the first responders, who are tasked to those who serve to protect us, especially as news of officers who served the capitol in January dying by suicide, we remember many officers face trauma each and every day - we pray for their spirits as they serve our communities and world.

## WALKING VOLUNTEERS

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

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BAEAB2DA4FB6-walking>

## UPDATING PRCC MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

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

## USHERS NEEDED

If you are a friendly, welcoming person and would like to serve our church, we would love to have you join our Usher team. We presently have openings on all four of our teams. Each team serves on Sundays for three set months of each year. It is rewarding and is a great way to get to know fellow church members. Please see or call Dave Kapolnek (847-529-6845) for more information or to volunteer.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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

- 9/2 Sue Carroll; Julie Smith
- 9/3 Neal Wehman; Ryan McGuffey
- 9/4 Kyrie Nelson
- 9/5 Kathy Davis
- 9/7 Maureen Lenke; Pat Tamburrino, Emily Laginess
- 9/11 Bob Krahl
- 9/12 Barb Adams
- 9/13 Sue Beckner
- 9/14 Ann Siena; Kati Weber
- 9/15 Emily Stewart
- 9/16 Laura Sissman
- 9/20 Joseph Zitoli
- 9/21 Joseph Figgins
- 9/23 Angi Weber
- 9/24 Bob Tamburrino; Jeanne Wells
- 9/25 Robin Battaglia; Charlie Giera
- 9/26 Gale Fabisch
- 9/27 Kathy Tumminello
- 9/28 Sharon Solomon
- 9/29 Lucas Runtz
- 9/30 Ed Numrych

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

# BOARD UPDATE

By Tom Goodwin and Naomi Siebert

It was great to gather with our Board of Directors in the gym and online on Tuesday, August 17. All of our ministry areas are getting back into the swing of meetings, ministries, and planning activities, even as we all hold our breath hoping we'll be able to see these plans become realities. We heard reports from Pastor Carol, our Treasurer, the Trustees, and held conversations around Open and Affirming processes and timelines.

- **MASK UPDATE:** According to the Cook County mandate, masks are required to be worn inside the church, regardless of vaccination status.
- **WORSHIP UPDATE:** Beginning on September 19, the 8:30 am service will resume in the sanctuary, with social distancing and masks worn. The 10 am worship service will remain outside for the rest of September and October, until/unless the weather prevents us from comfortably worshipping outside.
- **TRUSTEE UPDATE:** There is significant masonry and lintel work to be done on the structure of the Great Hall. The problem areas are being bid on and prioritized by the Trustees and will be brought to the Board at a later date.
- **FINANCE UPDATE:** Pledged contributions are currently slightly behind, while un-pledged contributions have been more significantly below the budgeted amounts. We believe this is due to the lack of in-person worship for several months. Fortunately, our expenses have also been under budget, though preparations for re-launching ministry means more expenses are anticipated. We are hopeful that the generosity of the congregation will continue to resolve any shortfall. Our Stewardship series will kick off in October with Consecration Sunday on November 14.
- **OPEN AND AFFIRMING:** The Board unanimously voted to support the ongoing process of learning about it means to be Open and Affirming and eventually calling a congregational vote for such. We had some conversations around potential voting procedures and timing, however, nothing was decided except that we support this work. We will have an all church World Cafe on Saturday, August 28 to begin drafting the Open and Affirming Covenant verbiage, which will be presented to the Board and Congregation for input in the coming months.

- **STAFF UPDATES:** The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be conducting Annual reviews for all of our staff and Ministers in the next couple of months. We will welcome Garrett Student Angie Do as our student intern in September, and her focus area will be in Children and Youth Ministry. Pastor Mollie is continuing to pursue her ordination process, becoming a "Member in Discernment" in the UCC, but is awaiting an interview with the Church Ministry Committee in the Chicago Metropolitan Association. Shelley O'brien is back from her leave of absence over the summer, and we are posting a part-time Children's Minister position to partner with her in leading our Children's ministry. We are also looking for Nursery attendants, a supervisor and regular workers to provide ongoing care for our infants and children.
- **NEW SCHEDULES:** The Board gathered on Saturday, August 7 to go over the calendar for the year, and supported the proposal to have "Church Night" on Thursday evenings, to include a meal, classes for all ages, bell choir rehearsal, childcare for the duration, and Chancel Choir Practice. Confirmation and Wednesday night Bible Study will move from Wednesdays to Thursdays, and an All New Youth Leadership program will begin for High School students on Thursdays as well. Additionally, the Faith Development team will strive to offer Sunday morning Adult Education, and a weekday class will be offered on Tuesdays, following Kindred Spirits Cafe.
- **MEMBERSHIP RECORDS:** Pastor Carol introduced the concept that many churches periodically confer with their membership to be sure those who are listed as members on the membership roster still consider themselves to be members. The current list of members includes individuals who have not been present in many years, and efforts will be made to reach out to see if these individuals still desire to be listed among our membership. This effort will be in coordination with the Finance and Membership Committees.

The Board celebrates with our Clerk, Kate Joyce, as she and Brendan anticipate the arrival of their daughter in the coming months! We give thanks for the ways Kate is a leader among us!



# FAITH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Terry Kallen and Darcy Le Duc are leading the Faith Development committee this year. Darcy has been attending this church since she was a baby and has been a part of the various activities in the church, including serving as a staff member to lead Youth Ministry for a while. Terry has been part of PRCC for the past fifteen years and her children were baptized here.

Faith Development consists of three subcommittees: Adult Education, Youth and Children's Ministries. Our task is to align the age-level ministries, provide meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth through classes, events, and trips, and to encourage collaboration for multi-generational events. This past weekend, the committee met to celebrate existing programs and dream up new possibilities for faith development. Here are some examples:

- Offer visits to other faith communities or places that tie into our studies
- Create support groups like self-care in times of stress
- Potential skill training to help kids and parents relate
- Relaunch a 4th and 5th grade junior youth group
- Scripture memorization using songs
- Prayer buddies: Pair adults and kids to pray for each other

If you have any ideas that you would like to share on developing our faith here at Park Ridge Community Church, or have an interest in joining our committee, please email us at [faith@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:faith@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

We look forward to hearing from you!

## MENS BREAKFAST

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92395329399?pwd=UmlIN0lLzk0YjB3QVVaWlNQdUYrZz09>

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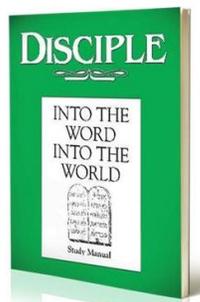
## BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Sunday Morning 8:30 am

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



### Tuesday Afternoon 1:30 pm

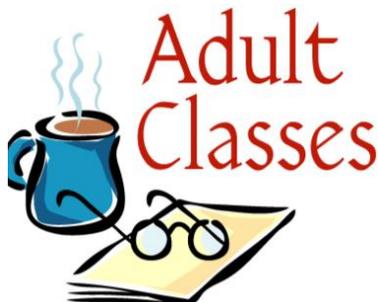
All are invited to join in *Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World* Bible study on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 pm. We will meet in the library with masks and distance observed, beginning on September 14. Pastor Carol and others will lead this study that encourages

study and consideration of the scriptures and how they impact our lives as we take those lessons into the world. Zoom participation is welcome as well

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81599270512?pwd=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQdPOW1aQT09>

### Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm

As a part of our Thursday night "Church Night" we are hoping to offer two adult education classes, but we will start with one. Study to be announced, look for more details!



# STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

By Anita Rifkind

*"God, of your goodness, give me yourself; you are enough for me, and anything less that I could ask for would not do you full honour. And if I ask anything that is less, I shall always lack something, but in you alone I have everything." - Julian of Norwich, Reflections of Divine Love*



Pandemic frustration got the better of me the other day, as we seem headed into another difficult fall and winter. In a black mood, I wondered how many people died of Bubonic Plague (aka the Black Death) when it ravished the world in the Middle Ages. Turns out, that specific outbreak wasn't actually the first time the Bubonic Plague spread through the world, and it wasn't the last. In fact, there are still outbreaks here and there, most recently in Africa. Bubonic Plague results within hours of a flea bite, and untreated, 80 percent of those infected died within eight days. The loss in worldwide population ranges from 45 to 50 percent, to as high as 60 percent. In urban areas, like London, estimates from that time are even higher. (Fortunately, the death rate seemed to go down in subsequent outbreaks.) But even with modern antibiotics and better hygiene, the death rate is still about 11 percent.

One wonders what the Black Death would be like in this country if 30 percent of the population would refuse to take antibiotics, and refused to quarantine. In fact, the loss of so many lives in the mid 14th century was the origin of the concept of quarantine. It was discovered that a quarantine of 40 days was required to be effective, or "quarantino" in Italian. In the aftermath, rents rose exponentially, labor shortages resulted in wages rising rapidly – sound familiar?

It should be obvious by now that Covid will change our world view, in the same way the Black Death changed the world view of its survivors. Among them was Julian of Norwich. She was six

years old when the plague devastated her community and family. Little of her life is known for certain, except the approximate year of birth. Her name comes from the fact that she attached herself as an anchoress to the eponymous church in her hometown. She was not a nun, and not a hermit. Although she led a quiet spiritual life (an anchoress was expected to live in confined isolation, poverty, and chastity), she probably would have occasionally been seen about town. She had a servant to see to her physical needs, and spent most of her life in prayer, contemplation, and writing. Julian's faith community looked to her for spiritual leadership, and several wills exist in which she is left money.

In her book *Revelations of Divine Love*, she describes a series of what she called "shewings." She revised the book at least twice, and it is the oldest book ever written in English by woman. She is most famous for her vision in which she is told "... all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." But her spiritual advice goes deeper, and is very comforting in these pandemic times.

She said, "The fullness of Joy is to behold God in everything." And "God (He) did not say, 'You shall not be perturbed, you shall not be troubled, you shall not be distressed', but he said, 'You shall not be overcome.' " Her prayer, which introduces this message, is timeless.

Julian listened to those who came to her in distress, prayed with them, and made herself available to them whenever they appeared at her window. Her faith community trusted her with their confidences, and relied on her support. She might be considered the Stephen Minister's role model in all of that.

But unlike Julian, most Stephen Ministers are not mystics. Their own faith journey has led them to be willing to walk with their fellow Christians through difficult times, pandemic or otherwise. Please don't face dark days alone. And please know that a number of people are taking advantage of having someone to talk to in these difficult – need I say, anxious and depressing, times. You are not alone in needing help.

Not long ago, a when entering into a new relationship, a Stephen Minister asked for prayers that both the Stephen Minister and the new care receiver "find clarity, peace and grace as they travel along this path of discovery." That is indeed our continued prayer for all our Stephen Ministry relationships.

Any Stephen Leader, or any Stephen Minister is available to discuss how you are doing, and to learn what we can do to help. Or you can contact Pastor Carol or Liz Swanson at 847-823-3164.



# FALL NEWS

## Volunteer Spotlight

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*  
Peter 4:10

This month we recognize

## SIRI NELSON!



Siri is one member of the powerhouse Nelson family. She has been a member of PRCC for 40 years and shows her love and dedication for the church in so many ways!

Siri served as a faithful Deacon for many years working to train newer Deacons and always being available for baptisms. She is also the go to person for memorials and weddings, serving as an event coordinator to help people feel at home while at our church. When someone has a memorial service at church, she is here early, sets up, serves, cleans up. Its amazing! Her whole family chips in often. They are kind of the backup singers in the Siri group. She will do anything asked and her family is right there with her. They also prepare and serve the annual Jack and June Hedrich memorial Easter morning breakfast every year.

She is always first in line to help with anything involving our Children's ministries. She and her family are

regular volunteers for Vacation Bible School and Siri has chaperoned numerous Mission Trips.

Siri has been assisting and mentoring confirmation class for over 5 years on a weekly basis. She is always engaging and encouraging the students with her full heart (and sugar cookies!). Siri is also a dedicated team member of the Youth Council.

Siri is a valued member of the chancel choir, singing in the soprano section for over 30 years, and she also helps with the Angeli choir, assisting Sasha with logistics and chaperoning tours. She's a previous second mile recipient and also was named choir member of the year.

Siri is a member of Circle 2. She is always willing to help in any way - making dinners and cookies to care for others. She helps organize and serve the 12th night brunch and other events.

Siri, thank you for ALL that you do for our PRCC Family! You are so loved and appreciated!

### ARTS AND DÉCOR

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

### MEDITATION AND YOGA

**Yoga is back!** The Monday night class has resumed in the Great Hall at 7 pm. Chair Yoga has moved back onto Zoom for the time being - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9671602932>  
Meeting ID: 967 160 2932  
personal ID is 227332

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Welcome and Membership Committee will be working over the coming months to determine who from our congregation is active either in-person or remotely and who we need to reach as we re-open. Please encourage your PRCC friends to return to worship if they have been disconnected over the past year! Invite someone to join you on the lawn or in the building as we are able to gather together! Our committee welcomes visitors and also supports the needs of our current membership. If you have any questions or feedback for our committee, please contact Sue Douglass or Sara Born (or the church office to reach us).

# COUPLES RETREAT

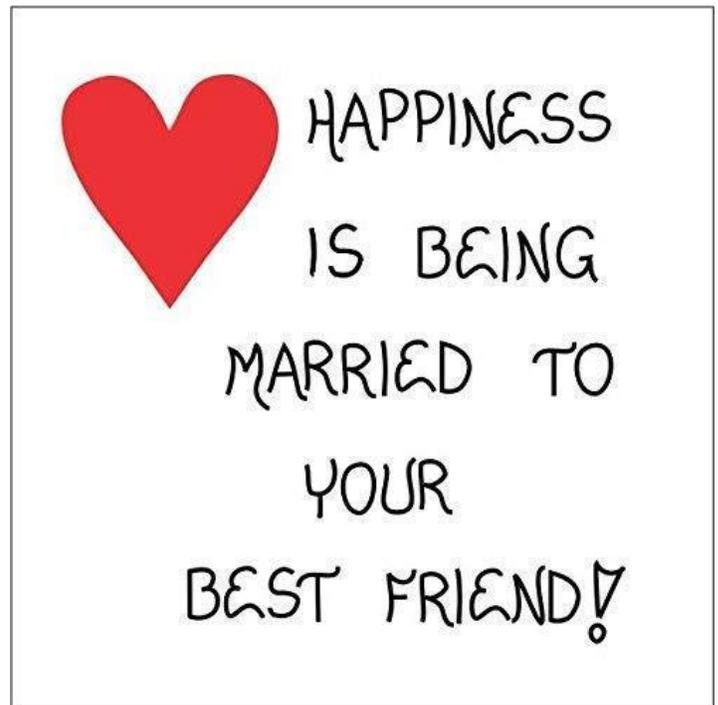
October 1-3



**Calling all couples!** Whether you are still considering marriage or have been married for 50 years, you will not want to miss this opportunity to enrich your relationship, spend time relaxing with your beloved, and enjoy fellowship with other couples from PRCC. This weekend retreat will blend large and small group conversations, time to relax and reconnect with your partner, and culminate with a Sunday morning worship service. Couples may choose to complete an online assessment and schedule a 30-minute session with Pastor Carol to highlight areas of strength and potential areas for growth. The Abbey at Lake Geneva provides a perfect setting for quiet walks by the lake, cute restaurants to share a bite to eat, and full spa to receive massages or just relax by the atrium pool. Check in on Friday begins at 4 pm, and our first session will begin at 7 pm, followed by a bonfire. Saturday morning, there will be a session at 9:30 am, with much of the afternoon open for couple assessment, time at the spa, or just hanging with your partner. Saturday evening will include a dinner buffet and another group session, and Sunday morning, we will experience a service of recommitment at an outdoor gazebo with check-out at 11 am, though you may stay and enjoy the spa all day!

## Costs for the Retreat

For the first 10 couples who register, the cost will be \$300, payable to PRCC (so we can use our tax exemption). After that, the cost goes up to \$325 per couple, which includes the two-night stay at the Abbey, retreat materials, and



dinner on Saturday night. Additional meals, beverages and appointments in the spa are the responsibility of the couple. If you would like to participate in the online assessment and debrief, that will be an additional \$40, payable when you log-in. Couples Retreat participants receive 20% off spa services on Friday and Sunday, and by purchasing a spa service, you are entitled to use the spa facilities, pool, sauna, and whirlpool. Spa Services must be scheduled in advance (2 months recommended) with Lisa Colbert, [Colbert@theabbeyresort.com](mailto:Colbert@theabbeyresort.com) or 262.275.1860. Meals and beverages can be ordered and delivered at the spa, if desired.

Couples may choose to participate in Saturday only for \$60, payable to PRCC, which includes the dinner buffet and retreat materials. If choosing this option, there is a "day pass" payable at the spa of \$25 per person if you would like.





# FALL NEWS



## KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ AND BEYOND!

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

9/14 – Music with the Barbershop Quartet “Take Note”

9/21 – Outreach Action

9/28 – Bingo

## KNITTING KNIGHTS

The Knitting Knights have many crafting projects going on. Not only are we making washcloths for hygiene bags, autumn items for the Pumpkin Patch, hats & scarves but we are participating in a new project to help students stand up to bullying. If you are interested in learning what the Knitting Knights are doing, please join us Saturday, 9/11 at 11:00 am under that tent. Come to catch up on what’s going on and get inspired for some fun projects!



## Upcoming Project:

The mission of Hatnothate is to rally communities to raise awareness and stand up to bullying. Bullying is a problem for one in four kids in the US and recurring bullying can lead to depression, anxiety, and suicidal behavior. [#HATNOTHATE](#) started in 2018 with the idea of getting knitters and crocheters to craft blue hats. The color blue represents awareness, peace, and solidarity. Blue is the color to wear in support of anti-bullying. The Knitting Knights are donating blue hats to schools from around the country, all of which are participating in National Bullying Prevention Month throughout the month of October.



# #HATNOTHATE®

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## CREATION CARE TEAM UPDATE

### You're invited!

In an effort to be more environmentally conscious our team is encouraging church members to ride a bike, walk, carpool or use public transportation to get to church during the month of September.

On Rally Sunday, there will be a bike parade immediately after service while the Deacons are setting up catered box lunches and the Fellowship Committee sets up Rally Day activities.

Wheel and Sprocket, a new bike shop in Village Green in Park Ridge, will be present to provide technical support and maybe will have some give-a-ways!

Transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in the United States. Walking, cycling or using public transportation instead of driving results in fewer emissions that warm the earth's atmosphere, creates less noise and air pollution and you even get some exercise!

Remember to bring your own water bottle from home and you can refill at church.

Ginny Jacobson shares this tidbit of information for us: *"For other means of getting to church than driving, I can share how available local bus service is, even on Sundays. (Applies only to certain parts of town, I know.) When you consider how frequent the service is along Northwest Highway and Touhy to Prospect to Courtland to Devon, etc. it might be worth a try for the curious and conscious church goer/citizen. Also the UP Northwest Metra, now with an updated schedule, is a quick handy way I've used to get between Edison Park, downtown PR and Des Plaines that may be surprisingly convenient for some...and no troublesome parking worries."*

If you're interested in joining our creation care team, talk to any one of us.

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

## PRCC GOLF OUTING

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

TAM Golf Course

6700 W Howard St.

Niles, IL

Tee Time: 3:30 pm

Calling all PRCC golfers!! No need to be an expert golfer, this is an event for anyone looking to connect and have fun! Our Fellowship team is coordinating a fabulous golf outing once again. In years past (except we missed last year), this has been a fun event of small groups playing best ball, enjoying fellowship and fun, and wow-ing each other with our excellent/not so excellent golf games! Come as an individual and be placed on a team or register with your group of 4. Dinner and beverages will be served under the PRCC tent at 6:30 pm and beyond. Non-golfers are welcome to join in on the dinner festivities! Some of the logistics are still being confirmed including golf and dinner pricing. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, contact Dan Smith [dan.r.smith.827@gmail.com](mailto:dan.r.smith.827@gmail.com).



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPT 19<sup>th</sup>

We are committed to welcoming the children back into Sunday School in safe and responsible ways. Our Sunday School classrooms will be sanitized between weeks. Children and adults will remain masked while in Sunday School to reduce germ spread. Classroom sizes will be kept small, and registration is VERY IMPORTANT so we can recruit enough teachers and spread out. We will continue to follow the standards put into place in the schools, with distance, lots of hand washing and small class size. We are excited to have My Bible and First Communion classes again this year, including all the students who missed out in 2020-2021. If you have questions, please contact Shelley O'Brien at [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

## A NOTE FROM SHELLEY

I am so excited for this month! Sunday School will be back! I can't wait to hear the cheerful voices of the kids on Sunday mornings again! We have an exciting new year of stories, lessons, activities, and crafts to share. We will continue to work on children's participation in outreach and putting our faith into action. Although we will not be able to have music at the start of the Sunday School year, we still plan to have the pageant in December and sing in worship a few more times throughout the year. Please remember to get your registration in as soon as possible. I am also still looking to fill many teacher spots. Let me know if you'd be interested. You don't need to have any teaching experience, just a desire to spend time with our amazing kids and share the love of God with them. We use a prepared curriculum that outlines everything and gives lots of ideas and I will have a craft prepared for you. Let me know asap if you think you'd be interested.

We will not be having an Open House on Rally day as we have done in the past, but I will be at a table out on the lawn to answer questions and fill out any forms still needed. It's going to be so great to be back at our church home with our wonderful Sunday School families. WELCOME HOME! YOU BELONG!

## Nursery Available Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

Our church nursery will be staffed to care for infants – Pre-K children during worship and some church activities. Nursery staff are vaccinated and will ensure children are kept apart, while allowing for free play. The nursery will be thoroughly cleaned between Sundays, with toys that went in a child's mouth set aside for additional sanitizing.



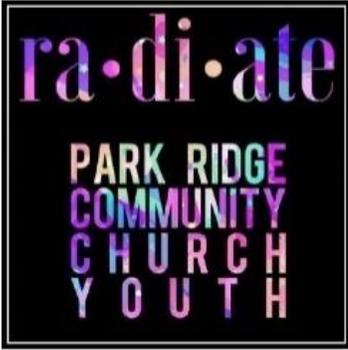
## A PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Dear God, We are so thankful for the ways we have changed and grown over the summer. Today is a new day! We ask that you would help us to care for one another. Use our words to share kindness. Help our actions demonstrate your love. As we get into new routines with school and church, give us energy and joy! Protect us from germs and viruses, but also from mean words. May we always know that we are at home with you, God – at home, at church, at school, in the woods, at the ballfield – you are always welcoming us home in your love! That's pretty awesome! We love you, God! Amen.

## ACOLYTE TRAINING COMING IN OCTOBER (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come experience one of the most rewarding ways to serve in our church! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers, and volunteers for Children's Ministry events. We will be planning in advance and delegating responsibilities so you know exactly what and when we need you! Contact Shelley to sign up and join the team!



# YOUTH NEWS

This school year brings new ways for our youth to be engaged with the PRCC

Youth Ministries (6th-12th grades) and overall PRCC community! Over the past two years, our participation and level of engagement from Youth has significantly grown. I am very excited to share with you some of the new ways Youth can learn, serve, grow, and play at PRCC.

## SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP/SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

### 11:30 am to 1 pm

To collaborate with busy schedules and honor family time, Youth Group will be held immediately following worship with Brunch/Lunch provided. Shortly, I will be sending out a schedule for each family to help provide food once or twice a semester. Each family will be partnered with another family. This will also provide another opportunity for parents to be better connected to one another.

Youth Group time will be filled with lessons on scripture from worship and how they relate to modern days topics and issues, along with games and activities. We will use our church purpose statement as our guide and rotate each week with Learn, Serve, Grow, and Play.

It is a goal for the Youth to play an active role in the life and worship of PRCC. **In order to achieve this goal, Youth will remain in worship each week.** We hope for Youth to become Ushers, Greeters, Readers, or even to sit with family/friends in worship. I feel that it is important for Youth to learn more about worship and be part of the greater congregation in such a way.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS: THURSDAY

### 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Class, a two year program, will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm and will now **begin with those in 7th grade and above.** Each youth is assigned a mentor from the congregation to assist in their faith journey of the course of the two years.

With the transition from Wednesday to Thursday evening,

there will be an Adult Education offering at the same time. It is a hope that parents can also be engaged in learning together at PRCC.

## YOUTH LEAD: 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY

### 6 pm to 7:30 pm

I am thrilled to introduce a **NEW ministry for our confirmed and/or High School Students.** We will gather twice a month to discover our own leadership styles, how we collaborate best with others, and how to utilize the gifts we have been given. I have attached the Scope and Sequence below.

The first meeting of the month will be centered around "Who" in scripture sets a leadership example and the second meeting of the month we will discuss "How" we are to implement leadership into the world. Throughout the year, Youth will learn about their personalities, traits, and spiritual gifts through multiple assessments.

### Basic Breakdown:

#### **Youth Group: \*Starting, Sept. 19**

Meets weekly  
Sundays, 11:30am-1:00pm  
All Youth 6th-12th grades

#### **Confirmation Class: \*Starting Sept. 16**

Meets weekly  
Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm  
7th grade and up

#### **Youth Lead: \*Starting Sept. 23**

1st and 3rd Thursdays  
6:00-7:30pm  
Those confirmed and/or in High School

#### **Sunday School:**

Youth will stay in worship service  
Sunday School lessons combined with Youth Group time following worship



As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, PLEASE do not hesitate to reach out!  
[pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)  
cell: 913-683-2321

*\*It is a priority to keep all participants safe. At this time, we are requiring all persons to wear masks while indoors. I will be sending updates as our start dates get closer for where classes and activities will take place (indoors/outdoors)*



## Scope and Sequence

### **September 23:**

Introduction

### **October 7 & 21:**

Who? *Moses*

How? *Micah 6:1-8*

Assessment: *Myers Briggs*

### **November 4 & 18:**

Who? *Aaron*

How? *Romans 12*

Application: *Myers Briggs*

### **December 2 & 16:**

Who? *Mary*

How? *Luke 1:26-56*

Assessment: *Enneagram*

### **January 6 & 20:**

Who? *Ruth*

How? *Philippians 2*

Application: *Enneagram*

### **February 3 & 17:**

Who? *Nehemiah*

How? *Ephesians 4*

Assessment: *Spiritual Gifts*

### **March 3 & 17:**

Who? *Isaiah*

How? *1 Corinthians:12-27*

Application: *Spiritual Gifts*

### **April 7 & 21:**

Who? *Deborah*

How? *John 13*

Assessment: *StrengthsFinder*

### **May 5 & 19:**

Who? *Esther*

How? *Matthew 28*

Application: *StrengthsFinder*

# CROP WALK 2021

Save the date –

October 17<sup>th</sup>



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

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Crop Walk! PRCC will be the stepping off point this year. Click the link above to register to walk or to donate to our team. You can also support us at the following fundraisers:

9/ 16: Harp and Fiddle - 11 am to 9 pm

9/30: Portillo's - 5 pm to 8 pm

10/4: D'Agostino's - (look for more details)

10/13: City BBQ – 11 am to 9 pm



# OUTREACH NEWS

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

## JOIN US!

Join us at the next Christian Outreach Committee meeting which will be held under the tent on **Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00pm**. All are welcome!



**Join Us in Congratulating Our 2021  
Center of Concern Awards Recipients!**



**Paula Mack**  
*Volunteer of the Year*

With necessary adjustments to deliver essential Center of Concern services during the pandemic, Paula Mack was instrumental in supporting our Lunch with Us curbside meal program. Through Paula's ongoing dedication and commitment as a volunteer, clients have been greeted with Paula's positive energy to access agency resources with nutritious lunches week after week.



# OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

## OUTREACH PARTNERS

BACKPACKS NEEDED FOR MARYVILLE UNACCOMPANIED MINOR PROGRAM

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

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

On Sunday August 22, there will be a blessing of our PRCC children's backpacks. On that day, we will kick off our own collection for Maryville that will run through September 26. Please look for the designated bin to drop off your donation on Sundays and/or in the Park Place Room.

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

## Cleaning Supplies

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

## School Supplies - Middle School and High School Students

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

Calculators

## CANS OF CARE

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

## Monetary Gifts

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

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

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prepare various parts of a meal in your home that will serve 35 people at Lincoln Park Shelter and/or volunteer to deliver the meal on our assigned date. Our next assigned dates are **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

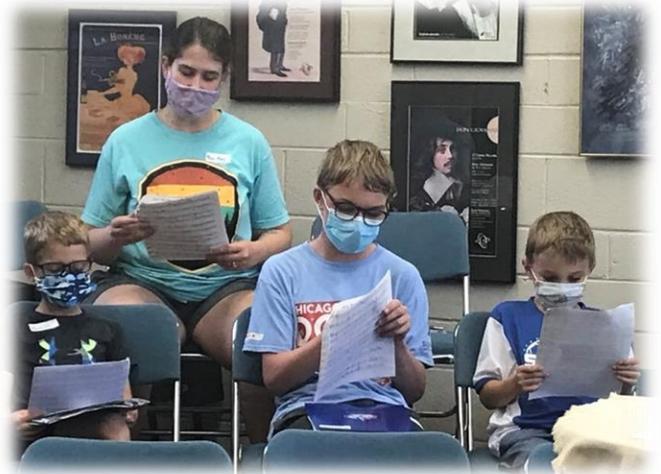
If you can help, please visit [PRCC website](#) to avoid duplication of efforts/food selection.

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# SUMMER 2021

Thank you for a wonderful summer, full of fellowship and fun!

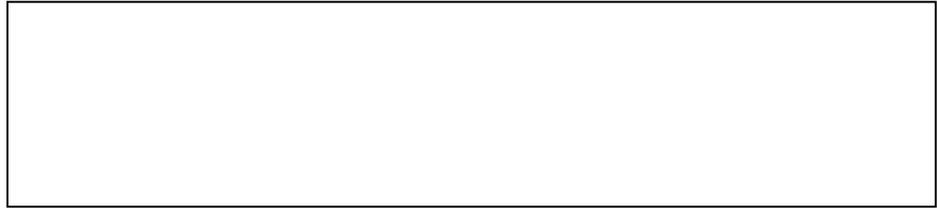






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