



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

2021 MINISTRY PLAN

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They'll Know We are Christians by our **LOVE.**
Giving From the **Heart!**



Welcome to our Stewardship Campaign for 2021! This past year has brought new challenges, but it has also been a year filled with blessings as well!

We know that God has done some big things in 2020, and your Board, Staff and Ministers are confident that God has many more exciting things in store for 2021!

We cannot wait until we can resume in-person activities,

mission projects, and more! We are diving into new ministries and anticipating when we can safely engage in ministry face to face... and until then, God isn't slowing down!

We are inviting PRCC to give from the HEART as we share our LOVE for God and our neighbors!



MINISTRY

flows from the Heart!



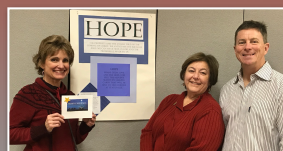
RELATIONSHIPS

are matters of the Heart!



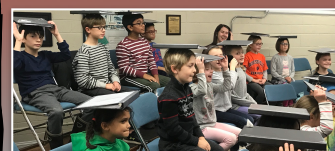
VISION & HOPE

are inspirations of the Heart!



GIVING

is a reflection of God's Heart!



Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God,
the Lord alone.
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your might.
Deut. 6:4-5

A Note from the Finance Team:

Dear Friends and Members of Park Ridge Community Church,

The Finance Team is grateful that you have faithfully entrusted us to oversee your offerings and gifts. We are blessed to celebrate a year of very generous giving and are grateful for each one of you. Because of your faithful giving, we have been able to sustain our ministries in this very unique time of social distancing. We have been challenged to approach our church ministries in new and unique ways and we have succeeded.

Our Associate Minister Mollie Foster has been with us for a year. We are blessed by her ministry and the growth we have seen in our programming because of her commitment to our children and youth. There have been virtual Confirmation classes and VBS. The Youth have met in person for socially distanced events on the lawn.

The church has been adorned with beautiful energy efficient windows in the Sanctuary, Chapel and several other places throughout the building. We have been blessed by wonderful on-line worship services that have been streamed live and also pre-recorded for YouTube. We have enjoyed beautiful outside worship services on the Carriage House lawn. We have connected via Zoom and Google Meet for many different events and meetings.

While we do not know exactly what this coming year will look like, we are committed to continuing our current ministries and adding new ones like the DIY Bible Study that just started meeting. Kindred Connection Groups will be launching soon, so that we can continue to offer care and support to each other. Maybe you have an idea for another type of ministry that would fit perfectly with our Church's Mission and Vision. We would love to hear from you.

As we begin this next Season of Stewardship, our focus turns to matters of the HEART. We hope you will spend some time in reflection on the wonder of God's love in your life. How are you being called to serve in ministry in our church? How might you show God's love to those in your circle of influence? Could you faithfully pray about increasing your own pledge by 10% or do you want to stretch further towards a tithe? What will your financial commitment to PRCC look like for 2021? God uses all of our gifts for His Glory. No amount of giving is too small for God to use.

We are committed at Park Ridge Community Church to living out our faith, so the community will know we are Christians by our LOVE. We hope you will share that LOVE through your commitment to our church by being the hands and feet of Jesus and through your generous Giving from the Heart. Thank you in advance for your love and support.

Naomi Siebert, Chair of Finance

Eric Johnson, Treasurer

MINISTRY flows from the Heart!

Even a global pandemic couldn't thwart God's plans for Park Ridge Community Church in 2020!

New ministries emerged, after much prayer, coordination, and leadership by members of our congregation!

Hearts were filled with God's Spirit and individuals offered their time and creative energy to design and implement new ministries!
We celebrate the following **new** ministries:

- ♥ Cans of Care Wednesdays
- ♥ Creation Care Team
- ♥ DIY Bible Study
- ♥ Kindred Connection Groups
- ♥ Outdoor Office Hours
- ♥ Prayer Vigil for Racial Justice
- ♥ Senior Pals
- ♥ Social Justice Team
- ♥ Staff Parish Relations Committee
- ♥ SuperBowl Party
- ♥ YouTube Worship
- ♥ Zoom and Google Hangout Gatherings and Meetings!



For where your
treasure is, there
your heart will be
also.
Matthew 6:21

ONGOING MINISTRIES AT PRCC

Arts & Decor

Children's Ministry

Deacons

Faith Development

Fellowship/Social

Finance

Kindred Spirits Café

Knitting Knights

Medical Lending Closet

Men's Breakfast

Music Ministries

Outreach

Senior Contact

Stephen Ministry

Trustees

Welcoming & Membership

Women's Circles

Worship Support

Youth Ministry

PRCC CHILDREN & YOUTH!

Do you know what a *steward* is or what *stewardship* means? Stewardship means to take care of something or to look after someone. ALL of us are called to be good stewards of our church and community! In other words, YOU are called to take care of the church and look after ALL of

God's people! It is a very important part of our faith and belonging to the body of Christ! We all, at every age, have things we can do to be a good steward of our church and community.

What gifts and talents do you have that can help the ministries at PRCC?

Check out the Stewardship Commitment Cards for Children and Youth for ways we are inviting you to commit to our ministries this year. You are a huge part of our PRCC family and you are so loved! Let us all pray for the ways we can be GOOD STEWARDS by giving from the heart!

RELATIONSHIPS ARE Matters of the Heart!

I give you a new
commandment, that you love
one another. Just as I have
loved you, you also should
love one another.
John 13:34

GRATITUDE AND HONOR:

LAURA SISSMAN

concluded her term as Vice-Chair and Chair in June 2020. We give thanks for her dedication and faithful leadership through times of transition at PRCC.

TERI BIEDKE concluded her time on the staff as part-time Director of Children's Ministry in August 2020. We give thanks for the ways Teri's impact continues in the lives of the children!

MARTY MCHUGH was the recipient of the 2020 Second Mile Award for all of his work on the website, fundraising, as well as serving in a variety of capacities throughout the church.

KENDALL BATTAGLIA received the 2020 Eric Nelson scholarship, honoring her leadership on the Associate Minister Search Committee, Angeli and Junior Choirs, Youth group and more!

ONE OF THE WAYS WE ENCOUNTER GOD IS THROUGH LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS.

At Park Ridge Community Church, connections to God and to one another run deep! Each ministry area includes members working in partnership with other members, staff, and ministers to create meaningful ministry. Whether coordinating Jazz in January, Sunday school lessons, altar displays or making a meal, time spent on hands-on ministry deepens our connections to one another. Our Board of Directors is led by our Chair, Tom Goodwin and Vice-Chair Naomi Siebert.

We celebrate the relationships forming under the leadership of our full-time Associate Minister Mollie Foster in the youth group and confirmation programs. Pastor Mollie was hired in September 2019, and immediately began forming relationships with our youth, families, and congregation members generally!



Pastor Carol and Sasha have put together online worship services that include many friendly faces of all ages from throughout the congregation - passing the peace, welcoming everyone, and spreading the joy found through community. Even while we are unable to join in congregational singing, Sasha, Andrew, and Angie have sung and gathered special music pieces to accentuate the worship videos.

We celebrate the six newly trained and commissioned Stephen Ministers, who will offer their time and gifts to listen and journey alongside those who need a spiritual companion. Isolation and despair have increased the need for trained and able Stephen Ministers.



WAYS TO SERVE:

CROP Walk Each October, we collect donations and walk in support of ending hunger.

Item Donation We collect items throughout the year for Maryville Academy, Maine Township Food Pantry, and other partner ministries.

Lincoln Park Shelter Meal We prepare and serve a meal in Chicago at the Lincoln Park Shelter.

Outreach Team Join the committee to help increase our impact in the world.

Partnership with North Park Seminary & Stateville Correctional Facility in forming relationships and working for justice.

Sunday Supper Help prepare and serve at the Sunday Night Supper, hosted by the Park Ridge Ministerial Association.

VISION AND HOPE ARE Inspirations of the Heart!

THE FAITH OF OUR HEARTS INSPIRE US WITH VISIONS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE!

With God, all things are possible! God inspires new energy into our being, and we find new ways to do ministries that were already existing!

- ✱ Vacation Bible School ...became Virtual VBS with daily superheroes from our Congregation as the voices of characters teaching Biblical truths.
- ✱ Rally Day...became a weekend event with a Concert benefiting the CROP Walk on Friday, a Bike Parade on Sunday, two services to allow for distancing, a Deacon Dog competition, and Bibles presented to our 3rd and 4th grade students.
- ✱ Women's Retreat...became a two night getaway in Chicago with a Retreat leader, craft projects, free time, and Bible study around the waters of life that renew us.
- ✱ Youth Ministry and Confirmation...have been revamped to include a renovation of "Heaven" and the balcony for youth activities; weekly youth events, Confirmation that is streamlined to two years, and a growing number of adult leaders to mentor our students.
- ✱ Men's Breakfast, Bible Studies, and even Board meetings have begun to meet online, which has allowed those who are homebound to attend!

We know that God is helping to inspire each of us with visions for the future! It's sometimes hard to see past the current moment, but together we are preparing for a future with HOPE!



"As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

GIVING is a Reflection of God's Heart!

The congregation of Park Ridge Community Church came together in 2020 to fully fund our Budget, which included adding new ministries, online licenses, and more...PLUS the generosity of the PRCC community saw the funding of:

♥ The drilling and establishment of a clean water well for a community in Honduras. Our February fundraiser (which included the dunking of Mr. Bill Williams) raised over \$20,000 to cover the cost of the well itself PLUS for our youth to travel and build it. The well funds have been sent, and the youth portion remains earmarked for a future youth mission experience similar to this one.



♥ The Nancy Zuegel Memorial Garden, which spruced up our outdoor spaces on Prospect Ave and along Butler place to provide beauty and warmth for all!

♥ Phase 6 of the Window Replacement project, which raised the necessary funds to replace the 8 large Sanctuary windows, the 7 Chapel and Transept windows, nursery windows which had been boarded up, and 16 other

windows around the building, including the stained glass window in Ellinger Transept. One final phase of window replacements remains to finish the remaining 30 windows in the Offices and basement windows.



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

UPCOMING BUILDING PROJECTS IN 2021:

The Board of Trustees constantly monitor the maintenance and care of our building. In 2021, the Trustees list of projects includes replacing the a/c unit in the Oak Room (Pastor Mollie's office), a new awning for the Butler entrance, completion of the Sanctuary window replacement project, replacement a/c for the three offices and the choir room. There are already funds being donated for the final phase of windows for sometime in the future!

How to Submit Our 2021 Commitment Forms

Your paper commitment forms, which are enclosed in this mailing, can be mailed to or dropped off at the church office OR you can submit your commitments using the Google forms OR you can bring your commitment cards to worship on Sunday, October 25. Each member of your household is encouraged to complete their own form – adult, youth and child. Stewardship is the responsibility of all of God's people no matter what their age.



Children Online Form:

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Youth Online Form:

<https://forms.gle/oaZhu4n19Xjrhvw7A>



Adult Online Form:

<https://forms.gle/p8q9gxeUQoTeH4WW7>



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A Look at the Numbers

Here's a snapshot of our 2020 Budget:

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$365,631
Excellence in Worship	\$ 17,150
Excellence in Music	\$ 34,550
Adult Ministries	\$ 1,500
Children's Ministries	\$ 7,300
Youth/ College Ministries	\$ 4,200
Outreach	\$ 1,900
Office/ Marketing	\$ 32,718
Utilities & Insurance	\$ 48,000
Cleaning/ Outdoor Care	\$ 33,500
Property Care	\$ 36,000
TOTAL:	\$582,449



"I often remind myself that everything we possess is actually owned by God, not us. Keeping this in mind helps guide me in what I should do with the money and resources that I manage. It is only natural that the God-given resources be used to accomplish His goals. I get so much satisfaction in giving to the church and seeing the many different ways that the donation is used.

We have an energetic community of faith that help each other when someone is in need and also see people growing spiritually. I feel good that my giving God's resources to the church is helping my neighbors." - Eric Johnson, Treasurer



"Good people, doing good things, for the right reasons. That's my opinion of PRCC and why I feel blessed to be a part of this family and am happy to have

the opportunity and ability to support the church financially."
- Bill Williams, Fund Manager



"Why do we stay? Well, I stay because I was called to be here. I stay because YOU are my brothers and sisters in Christ. And because that's who you are, I'll continue to donate to keep the roof over our heads, to illuminate the cross on the steeple, and to pay the ministers whose job it is to teach us and our children to love one another in Christ's name. For me, that is true today, tomorrow, and next year – no matter what. After all, family is family."
- Anita Rifkind, Memorial Gifts

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love."
Mother Teresa

You're Invited!

Consecration Sunday, October 25

Bring-Your-Own Lunch on the Lawn

We will turn in our commitment cards at the outdoor Sunday services,
or you can mail the commitment cards to the church office
or complete the online commitment form.

Commitment pledge amounts are held in confidence and the totals are given to the Leadership team to be used in recommending the Budget for the year ahead.

No matter how you give your gifts to God,
we are so very grateful for your ongoing support.

Join us after the 10 am service for a
Bring-Your-Own Lunch on the Lawn!

We will socially distance on the Carriage House lawn
and celebrate consecrating our gifts to God!

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Let all that you do be done in love!