

THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER



October 2018



Pastor Carol Hill begins her ministry with the PRCC family on November 1st

A WORD FROM THE SENIOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

*Dear Congregation,
The Search Committee would like to thank you for bringing such positive energy and excitement to the Rally Sunday service on September 9th. We are thrilled with the overwhelming vote to elect Rev. Carol Hill as our next senior minister. Thank you for all of the support, trust, and prayers throughout this important process!
-The Senior Minister Search Committee*

PRCC has called a new pastor. This is a cause for celebration! Pastor Carol will begin her ministry in just a few short weeks. A call is an invitation to lead a particular community of faith in spiritual matters. A call is more than just hiring an individual; it is the recognition and affirmation that God is involved in the process of a journey in faith.

To be effective in calling the right person, it is necessary for the calling body to recognize and assess its own diverse circumstances, gifts, and needs. To be effective in answering the right call, it is just as important for persons seeking calls to assess their own circumstances, gifts and needs. Calls result in leadership within particular contexts. Those called to positions of leadership exercise their gifts in fulfilling their calling.

A call involves several different parties. First, the search committee believes that God has called them to find the one whom God favors to lead the congregation. Then, they must sift through countless resumes, listen to numerous sermons, and conduct numerous interviews to discern where the Holy One may be leading and to whom God may direct. It is a strong act of faith for a journey that is often tedious and tiring. The search committee perseveres in faith believing that the Lord will lead them to the right person, and certain of the reward of satisfaction at the culmination.

Second, the candidate must hear the calling of God to seek another assignment. He or she may be perfectly content in their current ministry context. However, the minister must be aware of his or her own relationship with the Almighty. In the personal journey of faith, when the Lord calls, you respond. This is reflected in the lives of many biblical individuals, most notably Jesus and Paul. Sometimes you are called to a temporary relationship; sometimes you are called to a long-termed, settled relationship. In the personal journey of faith, you listen for where God may be leading for the Creator may need to utilize your skillsets for effective, creative ministry in a new locale.

Third, the local community of faith hears the voice of the Holy Spirit to participate in the journey of faith. The Bible teaches that it is God who calls the church into existence and enlivens it. So, it is an act of faith for the congregation to extend a call for a pastor to accompany and empower them as they move forward. The local community of faith states through their vote that they believe God has brought all of these factors together and that the person presented will lead them forward into God's future.

Calls demand high expectations and accountability. The calling body is accountable as they assume obligations of support, compensation, regular evaluation, feedback, among other aspects. Persons called to leadership have a willingness to be accountable and subject to God, as well as to their sisters and brothers in Christ, and demonstrate a visible solidarity with those with whom they are in partnership.

Calls are both general and specific, universal and particular. God calls the Church into being. God calls certain people to leadership roles within the Church. Calls occur within relational contexts: self to self, self to others, and self to God. God calls persons to particular positions in the Church through particular calling bodies. All of this, and a few other factors, is why ministry by both the church and the pastor is identified as "a high and holy calling."

Congratulations on these spiritual realizations and for acting in faith to issue a call to a new Senior Minister. It was my privilege and pleasure to accompany you during this portion of your journey of faith.

Pastor David

WORSHIP

JOIN US IN OCTOBER FOR WORSHIP

- October 7**
(Food Collection)
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
World Communion Sunday
Stewardship Message
- October 14**
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Message
New Member Sunday
Mini Crop Walk
- October 21**
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Message
Crop Walk
- October 28**
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Last Sunday with Pastor David
501st Reformation Sunday
Consecration Sunday
One service at 10:00 am
Kid's Club
Church Luncheon

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

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

As has been our wonderful tradition, we will worship together on Consecration Sunday, **Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 10:00 am**. All will be invited on that day to pledge our gifts of gratitude for God's blessings and to God's work for us as a family of faith, our community and the world. After the service, we will gather together for a catered lunch to celebrate God's gifts. All are welcome

FAREWELL TO PASTOR DAVID

This past year, Pastor David has been intricate in leading us into a new and beautiful phase in our church's life. His last Sunday with us will be Sunday, October 28th. Please join us for service at 10:00am as we take time to reflect on his work here at PRCC and thank him for all of his efforts. We will also have time during our Consecration luncheon after the service to thank him.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

All Saints Day is Sunday, 11/4 and our traditional Service of Remembrance will be 7:30 p.m. that night in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend this meaningful service to honor the memory of your loved one who entered life in the Resurrection over the last year.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

We encourage all to worship regularly; to grow in their faith by participating in fellowship, outreach, classes or other opportunities; to serve God with their hands by serving both in the church and in the world; and to give in proportion to their gifts. If you are interested in uniting with PRCC, please speak to Jaclyn in the office or a member of the Membership Committee.



OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Continue to include in your prayers all those on our prayer ministry list.

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

We also keep in our prayers the following September requests:

Joys

- Zach Nelson earned the award of Eagle Scout
- Our Rally Day was such a joy and we are so excited to welcome Pastor Carol!
- We praise God for leading us for 175 years!
- A joy to have Susan Ruth back with us in worship!
- Ed Kopecky's grandson won a BMX state championship!
- Charlie Giera is grateful for the prayers and to be feeling better.

Healing and Recovery

- Grace Curtis is grateful for the prayers for Tom, he is still recovering
- Continued prayers of healing for Jessye Wright and her family.
- Dan Smith asked for prayers for his sister in law recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Jim and Peter Muenzer asked for prayers for their friend Michael and Aunt Louise as they address various health issues.
- Please continue to pray for Brian Keady's brother as he recovers from a stroke.
- Kaz asked for prayers for a friend seeking sobriety.
- Continued prayers for Tim Lapp as he continues to recover from surgery.

- Please keep Dan Smith's friend, Russ, in your prayers, he was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer.
- Continue prayers of healing for Cindy Klimmeck after hip surgery.
- For all of those affected by the floodwaters.
- Continued prayers for Doris Sikorski recovering from a fall.
- Prayers for Sara Born's uncle, Bob, who is being hospitalized.

Safety

Beth Parsch asked for prayers for her grandson studying abroad in France.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Bill Scharringhausen
- Paul Rauch
- Angie Peters
- Max Chandler turned 8!
- Sue Carroll
- Kathy Chandler
- Janet and Gary Johnson celebrated 44 years!

Life in the Resurrection

- Please keep the family of Beky Choen in your prayers, Becky recently lost her battle with ALS.
- Please continue to keep Art Peters and his family and friends in your prayers, Angie Peters entered Life in the Resurrection on September 16th.

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE



By Anita Rifkind

*Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—
in peace because they trust in you.
Isaiah 26:3 NSRV*

Was anyone else raised in an Evangelical or a Bible church? Looking back on it, there are lots of aspects of such a faith history that I consider of great benefit. (That there are also some aspects that I found less than beneficial goes without saying since I am at PRCC and not at South Park.) One of the greatest gifts of that background is how familiar I am with the Bible. In part that fact results from the Bible Verse competitions held by Moody Bible Institute between the youth of various churches. As kids, we dutifully memorized hundreds of verses, and then rather like a spelling bee, we were given the citation and had to recite the verse. My personal favorite at the time was I Peter 5:8: Be sober, be vigilant; for your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. The vibrant English of the King James versions of the verses became imbedded in my head, (and in my heart) often leaving me more than a bit dissatisfied with the modern versions.

One of the verses that loses something in the modern translation is Isaiah 26:3. The King James version I memorized was “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” The old version contains a couple of elemental concepts that are harder to hear in the NSRV.

First, there is the “perfect peace” that the King James translator gave voice to. To me, perfect peace carries with it all the promise of an attitude towards the vicissitudes of life that supersedes all cares. There is no better time than the fall to find an example of what I mean. Suddenly, as the new church and school year start, and/or as we return our focus to our work

lives, we are inundated with the commitments we took on in May or June. The slower pace of summer abruptly ends, and everything we put off until October is only weeks, or days, away. It is easy in this hectic time to be overwhelmed by it all, and to yearn for a little peace and quiet – that is, the ability to mentally step out of the frenzy and see beyond it, not merely to find 15 uninterrupted minutes. Maybe it is better to say that perfect peace is being fully in each moment without being inundated by it.

That leads to the second difference in the two translations. The NSRV uses the words “steadfast mind.” I don’t dislike that, but the KJV “whose mind is stayed on thee” gives emphasis to the notion that we are in control of this. We chose what we focus on, how we respond. (No doubt my emphasis on choosing God comes through loud and clear in these Messages.) We, each of us, can be at the mercy of what chaos surrounds us, or we can search for God’s mercy, presence, and grace in each moment.

Ultimately, both translations end with the admonition to trust in God; they share what is arguably one of the great themes of the history of the Judeo-Christian faith. Trusting in God is elemental to any life of faith. Peace, perfect or otherwise, requires relying on the promise that God can be found – having the confidence that the manifestation of God’s love is discoverable if we but chose to look for it, to be open to it, to take the risk.

What will you do in chaos of these busy days? Will you be overwhelmed by the tumult? Or will you seek peace by staying your mind on God and trusting that God can be found in every moment of our lives.

A Stephen Minister might be just the person to help you through the unsettled times in which you are living, and to listen to your concerns. Contact either Pastor David (847-823-3164) or Ginny Feurer (847-840-7082) to learn how to arrange for a little peace in the middle of the pandemonium.





FALL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is a cherished time of fellowship each Sunday. To continue this special tradition, we need volunteers to host! Sign up with your family or friends, and bring your receipts, so you can be reimbursed for your purchases. If you'd like to sign up, please contact Lauren Kleingers at 847-513-4051 or lauren.kleingers@gmail.com. Thanks in advance!



Thank you to the Sanderson's for kicking off our Fall Coffee Hour!

New Member Sunday

Membership is not required to participate in PRCC activities or ministries. Becoming a member is a public acknowledgement that this is your household of faith, the community that you covenant to uphold, serve and shape and by whom you are willing to be shaped, challenged and sent forth to serve.

Looking to Serve at PRCC?

The membership committee is looking for a few additional members. If this is an area you are interested in serving at PRCC in this area please contact any of our membership committee members: Paula Mack, co-chair Tricia Williams, co-chair, Larry Adams, Sarah Born, Lauren Kleingers, Keith Reboletti, and Julie Smith

NOVEMBER CC NEWS

Please note that the deadline to have something published in the November edition of the CC News is **October 22nd**.

PRCC BANNER

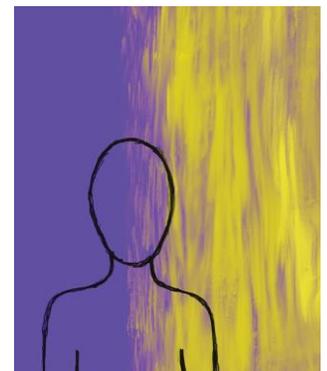
Thank you to all who so lovingly added to our beautiful banner that will now hang out by the Carriage House. Zach Nelson did receive an Eagle Scout award for this project and he is grateful to all that participated! If you did not get a chance to sign over the summer, please feel free to add your name. The banner will be dedicated in December.



FROM DARK INTO LIGHT

October 22nd at 7:00pm at St. Paul of the Cross

A panel presentation raising awareness of local domestic violence issues focusing on impactful ways for domestic victims to move forward. The panel will include Father Charles, Dir. Of Domestic Violence Outreach for the Archdiocese of Chicago and Jessica Caccavallo from the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault as well as representatives from the Park Ridge Police Dept. and the Illinois Appellate Court.





FALL NEWS

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday's for lunch in Jordan Hall. We are a self-defined group of seniors who have Tuesday's at noon free for lunch time together. Just bring your sack lunch and we will provide a delicious dessert and beverages. October festivities are as follows:

- 10/2 – Birthday Celebration & Crop Walk Information
- 10/9 – Speakers from the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago
- 10/16 – Conversation and Catch up
- 10/23 – Jan Steiner; Health Services to Help You
- 10/30 – Halloween Party with Food for All

If you need more information or have questions, please call Liz Swanson.

WOMEN'S INTERFAITH BREAKFAST

October 13, 2018

This year's theme for the *Park Ridge Women's Interfaith Breakfast* addresses how to find silence in a busy world. Join us as we offer ways to find peace, quiet and purpose in our hectic lives.

Our nationally renowned speaker, Kyra Cavanaugh, is a long time Park Ridge resident, small business owner and author. Kyra will share her personal experiences that have taught her the value of silence at this year's breakfast on **October 13, 2018 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge.**

The Park Ridge Women's Interfaith Breakfast was first inaugurated in 1977. Over the past 40 years, women of different faiths have gathered together to share a sense of spirituality and fellowship. We hope you will join us.

You may purchase tickets at brownpapertickets.com/event/3597513. For further information or reservations, please contact Joyce Johnson by phone at 847 692-9536 or by email at imj323@comcast.net.

RALLY DAY RECORDINGS

Rally Sunday was a great day in the life of this congregation. A video of Senior Minister Carol Hill's inspiring first sermon is now available, along with an audio recording of the entire service. Go to the Worship Archive page on our website – www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

CIRCLE 10

Save the date. Circle 10 will be celebrating Oktoberfest at the Beer on the Wall, October 23rd, 7:30 pm. Sign up and more information is in the September & October Newsletters. Stop by for a fun evening and great conversation with your Circle 10 friends.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wall of Sound will be performing on November 18th at Mo Dailey's at 6:00pm!



TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

Mark your calendar and save the date!

The Women of Circle 10 are hosting Trivia Night on Sat., Jan. 19th at Morettis in Edison Park. You won't want to miss this fun evening of trivia and fellowship, watch for details coming soon.



FALL NEWS

KNITTING KNIGHTS

Are you looking for a way to keep your hands out of the cookie jar at night? How about a crochet or knitting project! The Knitting Knights are looking for people to make hats and scarves for our winter outreach projects. Join us on the following Monday nights or ask Liz Swanson for some yarn and patterns:

October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Jordan Hall

October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Jordan Hall

Stay until 8:30 or leave at 8:00 to join the Women in the Word study group.

AGING PROCESS PANEL

YOU ARE NOT ALONE AS YOU TRANSITION THROUGH THE AGING PROCESS

The Stephen Ministers are offering a panel discussion to inform and support those who in the midst of the aging process. If you or someone you love is struggling with the transitions and changes that come with aging, join us Wednesday, 10/24 at 7:30. We will gather at 7:00 for refreshments and socializing and our discussion begins promptly at 7:30. If you need more information, please talk with Liz Swanson.

175TH ANNIVERSARY JUSTICE PROJECT

We will be collecting men's suits, as well as shirts and ties, to donate to Statesville. If you have a suit to donate, please hang them on the coat rack downstairs labeled for Statesville.

175TH ANNIVERSARY ITEMS FOR SALE

This will be the last order before Christmas



\$15.00/ornament



\$12.50/towel



12" \$60/plate OR 7.5" \$35/plate

If you are interested in ordering any of these items please see the front office for an order form or contact Anita Rifkind.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School 2018-19

All preschool through high school children are invited to Sunday school! We had a great start in September. Please fill out a registration form for contact and allergy info. Bring a friend!

Below is our typical schedule.

- 10:00-10:15 All gather in the sanctuary to begin worship with family members. Pastors dismiss children to Sunday school.
- 10:15-10:30 **Preschool to 3rd grade** children ~ music time in SS wing
- 10:30-11:15 **Preschool to 3rd grade** children in classrooms in SS wing
- 10:15-11:15 **4th grade to high school** go down to class from sanctuary
- 11:15 classes end; parents pick up young children from classrooms
- **Nursery care** is available each Sunday 8:30-11:15am for infants through 5 years of age on the lower level, next to Jordan Hall. Three- through five-year-olds are welcome to attend Sunday school or remain in the nursery, as their families decide.

Sunday school outreach projects

Sunday school students are encouraged to use their time, talents and treasure to make the world a better place. Children received coin purses in Sunday school on Sept. 16 to help them collect coins throughout the week, and they can bring those offerings to class each Sunday.

The outreach project for September was Build-a-Pup, so offerings went to the PRCC group that organizes the making and distribution of fleece comfort puppies. In October, we'll be decorating pumpkins for

Senior Contact, and collecting for CROP Walk. Join us in our efforts!

PRCC Sunday School Shutterfly Site

We have a free, members-only Shutterfly site, with a Sunday school calendar and photos. Enjoy a blast from the past, update your family calendar with Sunday school events, and check out the latest photos! To access this closed group, send an email to sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, and we'll invite you to join.

Prayer Buddies

Children and the "young at heart" will once again be matched up in our Prayer Buddies program, where older and younger PRCC members get together at coffee hours or special events and pray for each other throughout the year. Last year's buddies are invited to continue their partnership, and new buddies will be paired up in the coming month or so.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class is offered to all middle schoolers (6th through 8th grade) on **Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm**. Students work with our experienced leaders to learn more about our Christian faith through study, games, small-group discussions, and service projects. Friends and community members are welcome—no need to be a member. Eighth-grade students have the opportunity to make their Confirmation in Spring 2019.

Kids' Club

On Sunday October 28, we celebrate Consecration Day in a single service at 10am. While there is no regular Sunday school that day, children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Kids' Club in the Sunday school wing, where they can play and do crafts. Older children and youth are welcome to help supervise, so Sunday school teachers can enjoy the worship service. Then all are encouraged to attend the luncheon after worship!

Contact Shelley or Teri with questions about any of the above information:
sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



YOUTH NEWS

Pumpkin Patch

Did you know that middle school and high school youth can earn money towards their youth account with every hour they spend working in the Pumpkin Patch? You can sign up on the Pumpkin Patch Sign-Up Board at church or online <http://signup.com/go/HuvGHfZ>

We need youth volunteers during every shift of the 2018 Pumpkin Patch. We especially need youth volunteers for the following events:

- Patch Decorating - Thursday, October 11th 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Patch Unload - Saturday, October 13th 8:00am-10:00am
- Patch Take-Down - Saturday, November 3rd 9:00am-1:00pm

Sunday Night Youth Group Returns- November 4th 6:00-7:30pm

Sunday Night Youth Group is a spiritual gathering for middle school and high school students. It's a time and place where teens can come together to play games, socialize, discuss, reflect, and share their faith and connection with Christ. Join Kate and Darcy for the first youth group of the year on Sunday, November 4th. We will meet at 6:00pm for dinner and wrap-up the evening at 7:30pm. Sunday Night Youth Group will meet the first Sunday of every month from November until May. See the list of dates below. Email youth@parkridgecommunitychurch.org with any questions.

Hey Parents! Stay Connected with the PRCC Youth Group.

- Complete the PRCC Youth Group Family Information Survey. <https://bit.ly/2QSxvEg>
- Case Sensitive
- Add youth@parkridgecommunitychurch.org to your address book.
- Download the Remind App to your phone. remind.com/join/prccy OR text @prccy to the number 81010
- Follow/Like Park Ridge Community Church Youth Group on Facebook.

OUTREACH NEWS



LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

On **Thursdays, October 4, 2018** PRCC will be cooking and serving dinner at LPCS. Volunteers are needed to help cook (2:00-4:30 pm) and serve (5:30-9:00 pm). There is no age limit for serving at the shelter, so why not consider having your whole family participate. It's a great way to introduce your children to the idea of meaningful community service. Please contact Debbie Deitke (d.deitke@gmail.com) or Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net) for more information or sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board.

CROP WALK

5 WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK ON OCTOBER 21ST!

- 1) Go to: parkridgecommunitychurch.org ; link to the Crop Walk page and click the link for the Team Webpage. There you can register as a walker.
- 2) On that same site you can make a donation to a walker or the PRCC team.
- 3) Get a donation envelope from Sarah McCarty or Karen Nelson and ask your friends for donations.
- 4) Eat at Potbelly on September 26th (from 5:00 – 8:00) and mention Crop Walk. A percentage of your total bill will be donated to the Walk.
- 5) Eat at Chipotle on October 15th (from 4:00 – 8:00) and show the flier. Once again, a percentage of your total bill will be donated to the Walk.'



Help PRCC meet their goal of 50 walkers raising \$9,000.

GIVES BACK
TO YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD

FEED YOUR SMILE

by joining us for a fundraiser to support
CROP WALK

Visit the Potbelly at
107 S NORTHWEST HWY, PARK RIDGE, IL
on **09/26** between **5PM** and **8PM**

Bring this flyer, show it on your smartphone or mention it to the cashier and **25%** of the proceeds will be donated to
CROP WALK

25% of pre-tax purchase price will be donated to CROP WALK. Flyer must be presented at the register in order for the transaction to be counted toward the overall donation. Flyers may not be distributed onsite during the event. Potbelly Gift cards are excluded.

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CAUSE AN EFFECT

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Friends Of Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk. Come in to the Chipotle at **119 South Northwest Highway** in Park Ridge on **Monday, October 15th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that **33%** of the proceeds will be donated to Friends Of Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk.

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

++++ 15th Annual ++++

Youth Pumpkin Patch

Proceeds Benefit PRCC Youth Ministry
& the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation

*Great Fun for the
Whole Family!*



*Live Music on
Weekends!*

*Pumpkins – All
Shapes & Sizes*

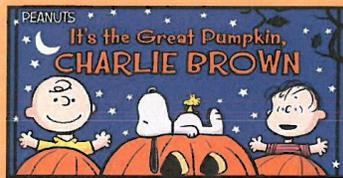
*Seasonal Items &
Baked Goods*

October 13-31 2018

Monday	Closed
Tuesday- Friday	3:30pm – 7:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 7:00pm
Sunday	11:00am – 7:00pm

*Pumpkin Patch is located just south of the Church–
at the corner of Prospect & Crescent Avenues.*

Fridays & Saturdays – Movie at Dusk



Free Showing - October 13, 19, 20, 26, 27
Weather Permitting



For further info: www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org
Park Ridge Community Church 100 S. Courtland Ave., 60068



Pumpkin Patch Set-Up is next Sunday, Sept 30 at 1:00PM

Come one, come all. Many hands make light work! WE NEED YOU!

Pumpkin Patch 2018 Save the Dates-all hands-on deck!

Pumpkin Patch set up will be Sunday, Sept 30 at 1:00PM, bring work gloves and a smile!

Pumpkin unload will be Saturday, Oct 13 at 9:00AM

Pumpkin Patch will be open Saturday, Oct 13- Wednesday Oct 31 (closed on Mondays)

Pumpkin Patch take down will be Saturday, Nov 3



How to Sign Up to Work the Patch

Individuals or groups wishing to sign up online can go to the PRCC website at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Click on the "Pumpkin Patch Page" at the bottom of the main page or click on "Events" or "Get Involved" to find your way to the "Youth Pumpkin Patch- 2018", then click on the SignUp.com tab!



You can also sign up to work on the Pumpkin Patch on the poster board in the Park Place room!



Bakery Items

Attention all bakers! The Pumpkin Patch is looking for donations of baked goods for the patch, which runs from Saturday, October 13 through Friday, October 31. Donations of all baked goods are welcome; smaller items such as cookies, Rice Krispy treats, etc., should be pre-packaged in amounts that would sell for \$1.00. Please contact Grace Curtis at gcurtis1968@gmail.com if you can commit to baking some homemade treats for the Patch.



Consider being a Patch Sponsor

Your family or business can sponsor the Patch through one of our various sponsor levels (Gold Pumpkin- \$100 donation and higher; Silver Pumpkin- \$50 donation; Bronze Pumpkin- \$25 donation) or choose a different amount that is comfortable for you. Sponsors will have their names prominently displayed on our sponsorship board (if you so choose) located at the main entrance to the patch.

We are also looking for Patch donors to help "underwrite" the cost of specific Patch items. Would you be interested in donating to offset the cost of these items or a portion of these items: Taffy Apples \$200; Hay bales & cornstalks \$200. Donations can be submitted to the church office.

Questions, contact Colleen Moriarty at willowe7@sbcglobal.net (224-558-1783). Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you in the Patch!





Proclamation

In celebration of

Park Ridge Community Church 175th Anniversary

Whereas, In the summer of 1843, a small group of Christians in an area newly opened to settlement between Norwood Park and the Des Plaines River decided to worship together despite their different religious backgrounds; and

Whereas, The earliest notes concerning the congregation state: *This little community now began to attract attention and were frequently favored with a visit and discourse from a preacher of some denomination, and as they had a number of good singers, the Sabbath services were quite attractive, particularly so as about this time a very interesting Sunday School was organized in 1842*; and

Whereas, Eventually, those informal gatherings on Sunday mornings led the group to officially organize as the Monroe Congregational Church on January 22, 1843; and

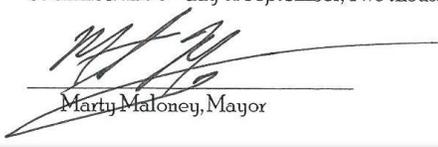
Whereas, In keeping with the ecumenical composition of the members, the early church and what is now the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge have often worshiped and socialized together.

Whereas, In 1873, after Park Ridge was incorporated as a village, Leonard Hodges developed a plan for subdividing the area south of the train tracks, including the donation of a triangle of land to what was then called the Congregational Church of Park Ridge for the construction of a new church; and

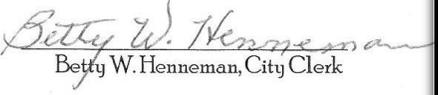
Whereas, For the next 175 years, Christians have continued to follow in the footsteps of those early men and women of faith. Park Ridge Community Church is but the current name of a congregation that remains committed to diversity of faith, welcomes ministers and members from a variety of denominations, highly values music of all varieties, lovingly educates children and adults, and is dedicated to community service and social justice.

Now Therefore, I, Marty Maloney, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Park Ridge, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, do hereby recognize the Park Ridge Community Church in celebration of its 175 years of growth in the community and for providing a welcoming place to residents so that they can worship, learn, serve and grow in faith together.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Park Ridge to be affixed this 9th day of September, Two thousand and eighteen.


Marty Maloney, Mayor

Attest:


Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk

PRCC REMEMBER WHEN....

Picture dated 1955:

