

THE PRCC NEWS

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH APRIL 2011 ° VOLUME TWO ° ISSUE EIGHT

A WORD ABOUT THE NEXT CHAPTER

WHEN WILL I READ CHAPTER BOOKS? This was a big question for our children as they discovered the world of books. (Or, more properly, were inducted into their parents' passion for books.) Picture books were a lovely introduction to the joys of reading: *Frog and Toad*, *Tell Me a Mitzi*, *On Market Street*, *Good Night, Fred*, and countless others. (Grab their attention with enthralling pictures until their imaginations begin to supply their own images! Then you have lifelong readers.) As reading ability increased and a greater sense of independence came along, something more was needed. "Chapter books," books arranged by chapters and generally devoid of illustrations, marked a new level of maturity.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ CHAPTER BOOKS, TOO? I do. Step into my study at church or at home and the evidence is overwhelming. The chapter books I read fall into one of two basic categories. First there are the theological, sociological and other scholarly writings. Chapters in these books generally follow the logical course of the argument or investigation presented by the author. Then, there are the works of fiction, primarily novels. The narrative unfolds chapter by chapter. Sometimes, the story unfolds in a rather straightforward fashion, but in many instances, chapters weave us into a web of storytelling.

CHAPTER BOOKS ARE FILLED WITH TEMPTATION. That's especially true with novels. When totally absorbed in the narrative flow, chapters offer the all-too-easy possibility of leaping to the end of the chapter to learn what will happen next. Of course, the greatest temptation of all is to cheat by flipping to the back of the book. The problem is this: you may then know what comes next or how it all ends, but at the cost of missing the richness of the storytelling, the grace and power of the author's craft.

WHAT HAPPENS IN LIFE'S NEXT CHAPTER? Sometimes we wonder what it would be like if we could simply skip ahead to catch a glimpse of how the story of our lives will unfold. More than that, we often wonder what we will experience after the *final* chapter of our lives. Or, as we often hear from children in the Sunday School or young people in the Confirmation Class, "What happens after we die?" Put differently, in the language of the faith, "What is the nature of life in the Resurrection?"

REREAD THE CURRENT CHAPTER. Perhaps the clue we are seeking is here before our eyes on the current page of our lives. In a brief meditation on Easter, Howard Hageman reflects on the relationship that forms between Jesus and one of the thieves with whom he is being crucified. The thief, Hageman observes, speaks for us when he begs, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." He is looking beyond the final chapter, the last moments of this earthly existence. Jesus' response points elsewhere, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Today. We are in paradise with Jesus the Christ today. "What had been hoped for the future is here as a present possibility," Hageman explains, "For these words do not refer so much to the place to which they were going, by virtue of their common death, as to the new relationship into which they had entered by reason of faith. 'To be with me in paradise' is not primarily a promise for the future but a possibility for the present."

IN ALL GREAT CHAPTER BOOKS, ONE BUILDS UPON THE OTHER. And so it is that our experience of life in the resurrection is rooted in our lives here-and-now, in our faith-filled relationship with God and one another in this moment. The grace we receive, the grace we share, the forgiveness we receive, the forgiveness we offer, the peace we enjoy, the peace we build, are all a part of the great web of eternity into which God is already welcoming us. Whether and how we come to experience our place in paradise now depends on how deeply we immerse ourselves in the unfolding of *this* chapter, today.

Grace and Peace,

Brett W. McCleneghan

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Joey Anderlick	4/1
Judith Kolk	4/1
Ellen Longman	4/1
Becky Klauck	4/2
Nick Wagner	4/3
Janie, Jan Cannon	4/4
Connor O'Shea	4/4
Julie Johnson	4/5
Barb Madro	4/5
Bill Barsanti	4/6
Jean Collier	4/6
Don Walsh	4/7
Steffi Beery	4/8
Ally Van Pelt	4/8
Bobby Hemphill	4/9
John Mackin	4/9
Faith Bailey	4/10
Laura Baratta	4/10
Elaina Rubeo	4/10
Kevin Shotsberger	4/10
Jerry Patt	4/11
Stephen Rifkind	4/11
Charlie Vinopal	4/11
Luke Kapolnek	4/12
Lauren Ladley	4/12
Marilyn Andersen	4/16
Kyler (Charles) Bell	4/16
Harrison Brown	4/16
Jane Meagher	4/16
Tommy Myers	4/16
Martha Douglass	4/17
Matthew Eatherton	4/17
Clark Simpson	4/17
Marian Stettler	4/18

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN APRIL

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS:

8:30 AM—9:15 AM: Chapel Worship

Coffee Hour between and following Worship

10:00 AM—11:00 AM: Sanctuary Worship

10:00 AM—11:15 AM: Sunday School

**Our nursery is open every Sunday 8:30 AM to 11:30AM for children ages infant through five.*

April 3rd — The Fourth Sunday of Lent Holy Communion

Sermon: *You Can Go Your Own Way*

Text: Isaiah 30: 1-11

April 10th — The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sermon: *Comfort*

Text: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Holy Week

April 17th — Palm Sunday Celebration*

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: *And A Child Shall Lead Them*

Texts: Jeremiah 1: 1-10

Matthew 21: 1-11

April 21st — Maundy Thursday Worship* Holy Communion

7:30 p.m.

April 22nd — Good Friday

Noon Family Service

Followed by lunch and crafts (please bring a sack lunch)

7:30 p.m. Worship*

Mozart Requiem

Sermon: *God With Us*

Text: Luke 23: 26-48

April 24th — Easter Celebration*

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School

Easter Continental Breakfast 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Butterfly Release & Easter Egg Hunt following 10am worship

Sermon: *Reformed, Renewed, Resurrected*

Text: Jeremiah 18: 1-6

Matthew 28:1-10

*Nursery Care Provided

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

PRAAYER MINISTRY

We keep in our prayers: Donald Anderson (Siri Nelson's father), JoAnn Anderson, Stephanie Beery and her grandsons, Phil Berent, Michael Bianchi, Mike and Pam Brown and family (Barbara and Bill Scharringhausen's nephew), Randal Carpenter (father of Cheri Carpenter), Evelyn Claire, Marie Degaard, Don (co-worker of Martha), Bob Douglass (brother of Dave Douglass), Winnie Erickson, Brian Fogarty, Shirley and Virgil Grand's great-grandsons, Rick Hoyt) co-worker of Mary Crawl), Gary Hughes (father of Cindy Coggin), Alice Keating, Candace Kidston, Grace Koenig and her family, Walter Kotecky (Bernice Zabawski's brother), Geri LeDuc, Jim Lego (Mary Biardo's brother), Lou Limper, Alexis Marsh, Elsie Matthys, Jimmie McSpadden, Evelyn Miller (Judy Artrip's mother), Lurana Nelson, Chester and Leo Netko (father and uncle of Cindy Winter), Pauline Numrych, Lisa & Abigail O'Grady, Carol Potter, Geri Sell, Leah Schaul, Yoshiko Urasaki, Ben Wright (father of Grace Curtis).

We also keep in our prayers the following friends and family:

Please pray for the joys of some improvements with Dave Douglass' brother Bob, who is still in ICU at Northwestern Hospital.

A positive resolution of a son's health problem and a daughter's job situation.

Please pray for my sister Beverly who has breast cancer surgery on Tuesday, from Penny Gaddini.

Please pray for Charlie Giera as he undergoes medical tests.

Safe travels for all college students during spring break.

Prayers for the Wind family.

Prayers for Sean Atkinson and his family.

Prayers for family and friends of Marty Soehrman, who passed away March 7th. Marty was a cousin of Ginny Feurer and Carole Nelson.

Cindy Tverberg and family on the occasion of Steve Tverberg's death.

Prayers for a friend/colleague undergoing medical testing.

Prayers for Dick Thompson fighting cancer and hospitalized.

Thanks to the support of congregation and Devin Shah for joining us-Zach Nelson became a Boy Scout on Friday! – The Nelson Family

Prayers for our grandson's adjustment on his move from Colorado to Chicago,

Prayers for our friend Chuck who has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer and his entire family. - Betty & Mike Mazer

Prayers for Beth Parsch's daughter-in-law whose father passed away.

Please pray for Cali Blaszczyk, born 3/28 at 28 weeks, just 2 pounds 1 oz.

Please pray for Tom Gasche.

Marie Degaard	4/19
Melissa Mackin	4/19
Barbara Scharringhausen	4/19
Marilyn Webster	4/19
Charlie Baumel	4/20
Lynne Duffy	4/20
Dolores Durrbeck	4/20
Melissa Manson	4/20
Roy Schwabe	4/20
Charlie Leach	4/21
Alby Thon	4/21
Lara Zimmerman	4/21
Marin Hahn	4/22
Nate Tumminello	4/22
Jennifer Williams	4/22
Dolores Wilson	4/23
Lyle Clapper	4/24
Dave Swanson	4/24
Allen Cherry	4/26
Cindy Coggin	4/26
Oliver Gaddini	4/26
Shirley Grand	4/26
Matthew Caddell	4/27
Matt Holihan	4/27
Anita Rifkind	4/27
Lee Andersen	4/28
Josh Timm	4/28
Craig Williams	4/28
Lynn DeJonge	4/29
Jeanne Fisher	4/29
Jocelyn Wind	4/29
Gary Beckner	4/30
Scott Kopecky	4/30

YOUTH SCOOP—APRIL SCHEDULE

Head2Heart Middle School Youth Group Wednesday, 6:30-8pm (unless otherwise noted)

April 6	SERVE: Good News Partners <i>meet in Park Place Room; leave church by 5:15p</i>
April 13	Relationships, Love, and Sex
April 20	Closing Party!
April 27	Leaders' Huddle <i>NO REGULAR CLASS MEETING</i>
May 4	8TH GR. CONFIRMANDS ONLY "Call"

Events open to all youth & friends!

High School Youth Group Sunday, 6-7:30pm (unless otherwise noted)

April 3	OFF-Spring Break
April 10	5p Youth Leader Mtg 6p Broken, Yet Beautiful & YOGA!
April 17	HEAVEN Movie Night: "What Would Jesus Buy?"
April 24	OFF-Easter
May 1	5p Youth Leader Mtg 6p Just BE/Prank Night

Events open to all youth & friends!

Visit www.prccyouth.org church calendar for more information about these upcoming activities.

PASTOR NICOLE on FACEBOOK!

Some youth have recently received invitations to be my "friend" on Facebook.

That's because I've opened an account for our youth only!

The privacy level on the account is "secret" so that it, too, can be a space where we can share our thoughts freely and confidentially with each other, just like at any other youth group gathering.

Use this account to stay in touch with one another, receive youth updates and invitations, view YG pictures, and share your thoughts on hot topics.

I'll be moderating the space, but it is just as much yours as it is mine.

Use it well and wisely!

**Find Pastor Nicole @
[facebook.com/PastorNicole](https://www.facebook.com/PastorNicole)**

SPRING STOCK SALE!

YOUTH RAISE \$ FOR COSTA RICA!!!

INSIDE CHURCH STOCK SALES end April 24!

KEEP SELLING OUTSIDE CHURCH STOCKS UNTIL MAY 22!!

Youth can contact Pastor Nicole to sign up to sell inside stocks and pick up the outside stocks and ledger from Pastor Nicole or print them online.

REQUIREMENTS TO SHARE IN STOCK SALE PROCEEDS:

- 1) Work at least 2 shifts selling INSIDE STOCK on Sunday mornings.
- 2) Sell at least 4 OUTSIDE STOCKS by May 22.

***All OUTSIDE STOCK sales go directly to youth who sell them!*

**Bye Bye, Devan Shah!
Thanks for Spending
Sunday Nights w/ Us!
We'll Miss You! At least for 9 weeks!**



STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE BY ANITA RIFKIND



*“Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,
And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Psalm 51:6*

Easter is late this year. Very late. It feels as though spring will never come. Not only has it been a long and snowy winter, the world has been a pretty miserable place. As if the political upheaval in the Middle East weren't bad enough, the disaster in Japan has been overwhelming, and painful to watch. Couple that with the usual problems attendant to being alive and having friends and family, not to mention changes at work and at church - well, Easter can't come soon enough.

These are times that try men's souls. Thomas Paine wrote that in 1776 about the times in which he lived. He was very much a crusader, not just for our country's independence, but against slavery, for a world-wide organization devoted to peace, and even for social security for the elderly and poor. But I think Paine probably understood that every time is a test of our deepest and truest character.

On the other hand, Paine was not a Christian. He was a deist. That is, he believed that reason and the natural world was sufficient to justify a belief in the existence of God. His book, *Age of Reason*, was considered quite heretical in its day, and he intended it to be so. In it he essentially calls the Gospels “an affront to truth.” To Paine “revealed religion” did not flow from Bible stories, but instead found “(T)he *Word of God* in the *Creation* we behold...” He saw God's power in the immensity of that creation, his wisdom in the “unchangeable order by which the incomprehensible whole is governed.” He found proof of God's generosity in the earth's abundance, his mercy in “not withholding that abundance, even from the unthankful.” And Paine thought that God's goodness to each of us was evidence enough of how we should treat each other. It is worth noting that he did seem to believe that we have souls.

He was a smart guy, that Thomas Paine, and he could write really well. He spent his life using his intellect and his abilities to try to make a difference not only here, but in France where he went to support that revolution. He got into trouble, however, because he wouldn't condone the execution of Louis XVI, and had to be literally rescued by the U.S. Minister to France, James Madison. He finally returned to this country late in his life, but died pretty much alone and vilified for his religious views. One could say it was his own fault; he didn't need to poke everyone in the eye with what he thought. Or maybe he did – because for him, it was what he knew to be true at the innermost part of his being.

We all desire to know truth in our innermost being, to be who we really are, or as Thomas Merton would say, to be who God sees. And according to David, another smart guy who wrote Psalm 51 after the Bathsheba debacle, it is there, in the deepest, hidden parts of our being, that God will teach us wisdom.

Intellect vs. Wisdom. It is an age-old conflict, because they are not the same thing. One way to look at it is that intellect is something we are born with. People of faith believe wisdom comes from God. So as we look around trying to make sense of the suffering we see in those close to us, and in our community, our country, and in the world, and trying to cope with unwanted and unwelcome change, we are forced to admit with Job that it is beyond our capacity to understand. All we can do is rely on the message of the cross: suffering does not go unnoticed; even out of death God creates something new; there is dawn after the darkest night. That is God's wisdom. That is Easter.

If these times are trying your soul, do something both smart and wise – talk to Pastor Brett (847-823-3164) or Ginny Feurer (847-299-1781) about getting a little help from a Stephen Minister.

CELEBRATE SECOND ADULTHOOD

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE PRCC DINNER AND MSHS THEATER ON MAY 5

"Once Upon a Mattress" is the spring musical presented at Maine South High School this year. Many PRCC youth will be appearing on stage, and let's have many PRCC seniors appear in the audience on Thursday, May 5 at 4 p.m., too! Seniors (self-define please) are invited to attend this special performance at no charge. The kids/actors/singers/musicians always give this performance their all, so do come! The school is located on Dee Road between Devon and Talcott.

Park in the north parking lot (between the football field and the northwest end of the school building).

After the play, which is the musical comedy of the age-old "Princess and the Pea," come back to PRCC for a special dinner prepared by PRCC's Senior Contact Committee. Be our guests for a wonderful after-the-theater meal and fellowship. Dinner begins after the show, usually around 6:15, in Jordan Hall. All are welcome.

PLEASE call the office by Monday, May 2, with your reservation. We need to know the name and number of each person attending so that we have plenty of food for everyone.

If you need transportation, please leave that information with the PRCC office, too, and we will do our best to help you be part of the evening's fun.

APRIL 16 – HEALTH CARE DECISIONS DAY

Give your family a wonderful gift of love by completing NOW advance care directives. By determining today, while you are well, your wishes for a time when you may not be able to speak your wishes, you save your loved ones the agony of having to guess what help you want. Advance directives allow you to have more control of your life – even at its end.

If you would like help with this, contact Marie. Several in our church family are professionals who help people with advance directives every day, and you can be connected to one of them. Also, see next page for more information.

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

All seniors are invited to the Café! Each Tuesday, starting around 11:30, we gather for lively conversation and fellowship over lunch. Bring a brown bag lunch for yourself, and enjoy beverages and desserts prepared for you. The fun usually continues until around 1 p.m. Often there is a brief program or special event of interest.

On April 19, we will have a table-top Easter egg hunt (no stooping needed). Just a little back-to-basics silly fun!

Please join us. All are welcome.

A moment's thought:

When I rise up, let me rise up joyful like a bird.

When I fall, let me fall without regret like a leaf.

Wendell Berry, "Prayers and Sayings of the Mad Farmer,"

from The Collected Poems of Wendell Berry

APRIL 16TH IS HEALTH CARE DECISIONS DAY

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE LIFE CHOICES

Today when admitted into a hospital, people are asked about their advanced care plans. But such determinations are best made while you are healthy – in advance of hospitalization, serious illness or an accident. Making these decisions when you are well and can more easily process information results in choices that truly reflect your wishes. There are several advantages to determining your preferences now and discussing them thoroughly with your loved ones:

- ◆ You and they have time to think through and discuss feelings, fears and wishes.
- ◆ Your loved ones are spared ever having to guess your wishes and instead can honor what you have explicitly told them.
- ◆ Conversations with your faith leader, your health care provider and other advisors about significant options and important issues can help you make the very best decisions.
- ◆ Taking time, talking, going through the process – all this will crystallize your beliefs. Important feelings have room to surface and be aired. Fears may be lessened, and trust enhanced.

Without direction from you about your wishes, loved ones are often left feeling confused, ineffective and guilty when a crisis arises. Completing your Advance Directives is a responsible and loving gift you can give your family on National Health Care Decisions Day. Putting your thoughts down on paper in an Advance Directive not only clarifies your wishes, it also shows true kindness to those you love.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Q: What is involved in an Advance Directive?

A: There are two major types of documents, neither of which is used unless you are unable to speak for yourself. A *Healthcare Power of Attorney* documents the person you select to be the voice for your health care decisions if you are unable. A *Living Will* specifies your wishes about medical treatment at the end of life – especially the refusal of life prolonging treatment – only when death is imminent. Again, both of these documents become effective only if you are unable to speak for yourself.

Q: What's the difference between Power of Attorney and Health Care Power of Attorney?

A: Power of Attorney appoints someone to handle your *financial affairs* while you're unavailable or unable to do so. Power of Attorney for Health Care appoints someone to make *health care decisions* for you if you cannot.

Q: Do I need a lawyer to complete an Advance Directive?

A: No, these documents are readily available as pre-printed forms. If you would be more comfortable consulting a lawyer or if you have special needs, by all means talk to one.

Q: If I sign this and later change my mind, what do I do?

A: You may revoke an Advance Directive at any time. You can do this in any of three ways: by destroying the document, by dating and signing a statement of revocation or by verbally expressing your intent to cancel.

Information included above is provided by Advocate Health Care.

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 4th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library 8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i> 10:00 AM: <i>Worship in Sanctuary</i> 11:15 AM: The Joy of Mindful Eating—Jordan Hall 4:00 PM: Angell Choir No Youth Group-Spring Break 8:00 PM: Basketball	28 9:15 AM: <i>Kindermusik – Sunday School Wing</i> 10:00 AM: <i>Bible Study – Library</i> 4:00 PM: Junior Choir 5:00 PM: Church Chimers 7:00 PM: Knitting – Park Place	29 10:15 AM: Chair Yoga – Great Hall 11:30 AM: Kindred Spirits Café – Jordan Hall	30 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor 4:00 PM: Holy Communion Class 6:00 PM: H2H Serve with Good News Partners 7:00 PM: Yoga – Great Hall 7:30 PM: Grand Sweep – Library	31 9:00 AM: CBS – Lower Level 12:00 PM: Grand Sweep – Library 1:00 PM: Staff Meeting 6:30 PM: Bells on High 8:00 PM: Chancel Choir 8:00 PM: Basketball – Great Hall 7:00 PM: Whole Foods - (Sauganash) Field Trip	1 10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor	2 8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library
3 4th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library 8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i> 10:00 AM: <i>Worship in Sanctuary</i> 11:15 AM: The Joy of Mindful Eating—Jordan Hall 4:00 PM: Angell Choir No Youth Group-Spring Break 8:00 PM: Basketball	4 9:15 AM: <i>Kindermusik – Sunday School Wing</i> 10:00 AM: <i>Bible Study – Library</i> 4:00 PM: Junior Choir 5:00 PM: Church Chimers 7:00 PM: Knitting – Park Place	5 10:15 AM: Chair Yoga – Great Hall 11:30 AM: Kindred Spirits Café – Jordan Hall	6 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor 4:00 PM: Holy Communion Class 6:00 PM: H2H Serve with Good News Partners 7:00 PM: Yoga – Great Hall 7:30 PM: Grand Sweep – Library	7 9:00 AM: CBS – Lower Level 12:00 PM: Grand Sweep – Library 1:00 PM: Staff Meeting 6:30 PM: Bells on High 8:00 PM: Chancel Choir 8:00 PM: Basketball – Great Hall 7:00 PM: Whole Foods - (Sauganash) Field Trip	8 10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor	9 8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library Men's Prayer Breakfast Park Ridge Country Club 7:30 – 9:30 a. m.
10 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library 8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i> 10:00 AM: <i>Worship in Sanctuary</i> 9AM-12PM: Le Chic Boutique-Great Hall 11:15 AM: The Joy of Mindful Eating—Jordan Hall 4:00 PM: Angell Choir 6:00 PM: Youth Group (High School) 8:00 PM: Basketball	11 9:15 AM: <i>Kindermusik – Sunday School Wing</i> 10:00 AM: <i>Bible Study – Library</i> 4:00 PM: Junior Choir 5:00 PM: Church Chimers	12 10:15 AM: Chair Yoga – Great Hall 11:30 AM: Kindred Spirits Café – Jordan Hall 7:00 PM: Stephen Ministry – Library 7:30 PM: Finance Meeting – Library	13 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor 6:30 PM: H2HConfirmation 7:00 PM: Yoga – Great Hall 7:30 PM: Grand Sweep – Library	14 9:00 AM: CBS – Lower Level 12:00 PM: Grand Sweep – Library 1:00 PM: Staff Meeting 6:30 PM: Bells on High 8:00 PM: Chancel Choir 8:00 PM: Basketball – Great Hall	15 10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor	16 8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library National Health Care Decision Day

<p>17</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library</p> <p>8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: <i>Worship in Sanctuary</i></p> <p>11:15 AM: The Joy of Mindful Eating—Jordan Hall</p> <p>4:00 PM: Angell Choir</p> <p>6:00 PM: Youth Group</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15 AM: Kindermusik – Sunday School Wing</p> <p>10:00 AM: Bible Study – Library</p> <p>10:00 AM: CC News deadline</p> <p>4:00 PM: Junior Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM: Knitting - Park Place</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga – Great Hall</p> <p>11:30 AM: Kindred Spirits Café – Jordan Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Board Meeting – JH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor</p> <p>6:30 PM: H2H Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 PM: Yoga – Great Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Grand Sweep – Library</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Maundy Thursday</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: CBS – Lower Level Library</p> <p>12:00 PM: Grand Sweep – Library</p> <p>1:00 PM: Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:00 PM: Circle 8 - Parlor</p> <p>6:00 PM: Seder Dinner</p> <p>7:30 PM: <i>Worship in Sanctuary</i> (Communicants receive 1st Communion during Worship)</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball – Great Hall</p> <p>8:30 PM: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor</p> <p>12:00 PM: <i>Family Worship</i></p> <p>7:30 PM: <i>Worship</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>No <i>Sunday School</i></p> <p>8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library</p> <p>8:30 AM: <i>Worship in Chapel</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: <i>Worship in Sanctuary</i></p> <p>4:00 PM: Angell Choir</p> <p>No Youth Group</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:15 AM: Kindermusik – Sunday School Wing</p> <p>10:00 AM: Bible Study – Library</p> <p>4:00 PM: Junior Choir</p> <p>5:00 PM: Church Chimers</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga – Great Hall</p> <p>11:30 AM: Kindred Spirits Café – Jordan Hall</p> <p>1:00 PM: Circle 7 – Library</p> <p>7:00 PM: Stephen Ministry – Library</p> <p>7:30 PM: Trustees Meeting – Library</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor</p> <p>6:30 PM: H2H Huddle/Leaders Only</p> <p>7:00 PM: Yoga – Great Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Grand Sweep – Library</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM: CBS – Lower Level Library</p> <p>12:00 PM: Grand Sweep – Library</p> <p>1:00 PM: Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM: Bells on High</p> <p>7:00 PM: Support Teams – Library</p> <p>8:00 PM: Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball – Great Hall</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 AM: Grand Sweep – Library</p>

THE JOY OF MINDFUL EATING

Join us any week in our fifth annual Lenten series on healthy eating. Come to Jordan Hall around 11:15 (after the 10 o'clock worship service) to learn how to cook, maintain, and live in a more healthful relationship with food. A light meal is served afterwards. All are welcome.

April 3— *How to Have a Healthy Kitchen* will be presented by Laura Dee who, as a Park Ridge health inspector, has a deep and first-hand knowledge of what it takes to keep your kitchen and, in turn, your family healthy. You'll be amazed at some of the simple things you can do to keep things right – and shocked at some of the things that can go wrong, even for the most well-intended of us. This is a surprisingly entertaining class!

April 10— Jim Fizzell will talk with us about spice gardens – how to grow them and how to use them. Jim, a nationally recognized expert on plants and trees, shares his life-time knowledge with us. Not to be missed!

April 17— Chris Johnston will share her experiences in weight loss: how to lose weight and stay well-nourished. She is a living example of what eating right and determination can do for you! And more fun still on our last day of this year's class.

RIGHT START FOR FAMILIES

As part of this year's Lenten healthy eating class, we are pulling together items needed by Right Start for Families and Bethel New Life Church. See the Wish Tree in Jordan Hall (same as list below). If you have an item to donate, remove the card from the Wish Tree. Sign the card, and place it and your donated items on the Wish Tree table. Last date for donation is Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday). Unless specified, either new or used items are welcome.

<u>New Items Needed</u>	George Foreman Grill	Potholders
5-burner stove with hood	Pressure cooker	Paper towel rack
Refrigerator with freezer	Funnels	Coffee maker
Cabinets and/or shelving	Strainers	storage containers
	Slicer	Utensils (spatulas, tongs)
<u>New or Used Items Needed</u>	Can openers (electric and hand-held)	Sharp knives
Food processor	Baking dishes	Microwave oven
High-speed blenders (2)	Cookie sheets	Convection oven
Stand mixer	Spice rack	Crockpots (several are needed)
Hand mixer (2 – 4)	Mixing bowls (plastic and/or stainless, all sizes)	Potato and onion holders
Large cast iron skillet		Dish rack
13-pc., non-stick, enamel cookware	Dish towels	

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

Thank you to the PRCC yarn artists responsible for nearly 100 handmade items, donated to the Night Ministry and to Good News Partners, both agencies working with the homeless. Our group creativity continues this month on 4/4 and 4/18 at 7:00 in the Park Place room! (We welcome you also to knit or crochet on your own at home, or donate your leftover yarn for us to use). If you'd like more information, please call Liz Swanson (847) 698-9086.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

On April 13, 14, 15 & 16, the Music Department of Northeastern Illinois University will be presenting the musical “*The Secret Garden*” words and lyrics by Marsha Norman and music by Lucy Simon (sister of Carly Simon). Our own Music Minister, Sasha Gerritson, is the director of the show, and many folks from the PRCC Chancel Choir will be singing it. In addition, three of our very own PRCC youth will be participating. Mark Biedke, Maggie Harris and Michael Harris. Here is a little bit about each of them and their impressions on being in a musical production.

Mark Biedke, who will be singing the leading role of Colin Craven on April 13th and 15th, is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Lincoln Middle School. At PRCC he participates in the Junior Choir, the CC Chimers and the PRCC Youth Group. He has also attended Junior Choir Camp. Outside of church he likes chess, soccer, video games, handball, and trumpet. Last year Mark sang in the opera *La Bohème* at Northeastern Illinois University.

“The most important thing I do is perform and sing. Performing teaches me a lot about discipline, history, and human emotions. The best part is that it is fun and you get to meet new people!”



Mark Biedke

Maggie Harris, who will be singing in the ensemble of the show all four nights, is an eleven year old sixth grader at Lincoln Middle School. She is in a dance performing group at Lynette's School Of Dance. She enjoys singing in the Park Ridge Community Church Junior Choir and singing, dancing, and acting in musical productions. Maggie has been in the musicals *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Peter Pan*, *Scrooge*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, the opera *La Bohème* and is currently working on *The Secret Garden*.

“What Musical Performance means to me is that you learn a lot about music, performing, and working really hard for something that you really want to do. How it affects my life is good because I really practice and I get better at performing, but the rehearsals are very long and it does take up a lot of time, but is worth it.”

Michael Harris, who will be singing the leading role of Colin Craven on April 14th and 16th, is an 8th grader at Lincoln Middle School, who participates in the PRCC Junior Choir, Community Church Chimers and the PRCC middle school youth group.

He has been participating in the musical theater for three years, when he first tried out for *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and made it into the chorus. After that show was over, he had met a lot of new friends and he had had a lot of fun, so he decided to try out for the next show, *Peter Pan*. That winter, after *Peter Pan* was finished, Michael performed the role of Tom Jenkins in the musical *Scrooge*, which was his first lead role. He later was in the children's choirs in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *La Bohème* with Sasha at Northeastern.



Michael Harris

This year Michael was given the opportunity to be double cast in the role of Colin in *The Secret Garden* at Northeastern Illinois University. It has been really fun for him and he has really learned a lot so far.

*“To me, musical theater is really important and rewarding in a lot of ways. I have had a lot of fun in all of the shows I've been in, and musical theater has really taught me a lot about giving expression in music, working with others, and I have learned about other types of literature. Also, the most important thing that musical theater has taught me was the fact that in order for something to be great, you must give it all the effort that you can. My cast members and I have put a lot of time into doing *The Secret Garden*, and from all of our hard work, it is really shaping into a great show!”*

Please come out and support the members and friends from our congregation in this lovely musical production. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 773.442.4636 or by visiting www.boxoffice.neiu.edu

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Dearest Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful support following Matthew's birth. The cards, well-wishes, and gifts have been most appreciated and have made us feel so very loved by our church family. We can't wait for everyone to meet our newest little boy!

Sending our very best during this Lenten season,

The Kremers

Nic, Doug, Dougie, and Mattie

46TH ANNUAL PARK RIDGE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2011 7:30-9:30 A.M. AT THE PARK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Christian Fellowship and Inspiration. The speaker will be James H. Skogsbergh, President & CEO of Advocate Health Care. Several PRCC members serve on the Prayer Breakfast Steering Committee: Owen Hayes (Chairman), Steve Huening, Bill Scharringhausen, and Kent Wehman (MC). Special music will be provided by Jessye Wright. All men of the community are encouraged to attend...and to bring their teen aged sons. For further information and tickets, contact Bill Scharringhausen at (847)825-4630.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI RELIEF

If you are interested in contributing to this cause, make your check payable to PRCC and write "UCC Int'l. Disaster Fund/Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami" in the memo section. In this way, your entire contribution (no administrative costs) will be used to help those in need.

MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY— SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Dispose of your unused or unwanted medication safely on 4/30 from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Drop prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original containers at the Park Ridge, Des Plaines, or Niles Police Departments. Do NOT remove labels. Personal information should be crossed out, but information about the medication should be legible. If it's easier to leave these prescriptions at PRCC, please drop them off in the basket in the office marked "Outdated Prescriptions" or give to Marie at Kindred Spirits Café by Tuesday, April 26.

Protect your family and our environment! Abuse of prescription and over the counter drugs is on the rise. Removing them from the home helps eliminate abuse and also keeps our water supply clean. This event is sponsored by MCYAF. For more information, see www.mcyaf.com or contact your Police Department.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All children preschool - through completing 5th grade are invited to *Shake It Up Café* PRCC 2011 Vacation Bible School on June 27 - June 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In this kid-friendly café, kids explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word. Through interactive lessons, kids will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.



Kids who register by May 1st will receive a fun incentive.

For more details and to register, visit us at:

[parkridgecommunitychurch.org /Christian education /events / VBS](http://parkridgecommunitychurch.org/Christian%20education/events/VBS)

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 17 th	10:00 Palm Sunday – Kids process in Worship with palms – Sunday school in session
Thursday, April 21	6:00 Seder dinner for Holy communion class families
	7:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Service – nursery open
Friday, April 22	12:00 Family Good Friday service followed by brown bag lunch and crafts
Sunday, April 24	10:00 Easter – No Sunday school
	11:30 Butterfly release & egg hunt

BIBLE OLYMPICS

Calling all Bible Olympians! Sunday, May 1st at 10:00 we will be playing games and reviewing our Bible knowledge in the PRCC field – weather permitting. All grades preschool – high school are welcome.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN!

Are you in church on Sunday mornings?

Can you count heads?

Can you be trusted to help with the collection?

Can you be pleasant to people coming into church?

Can you help keep the choir from being too rowdy in the Narthex?

If the answer to all of these questions is a resounding YES, Then you could join the *exclusive club* of PRCC Ushers.

Your help is needed for a month, just three times a year.

Contact Cliff Stettler, or give your name to any usher any Sunday.

COMING SOON — YOU'RE INVITED!



Park Ridge Community Church
100 S. Prospect
across from City Hall
Circle Ten
Presents

Le Cheap Boutique
Sunday, April 10, 2011
9am-Noon
Great Hall

Proceeds Will Support Circle Ten
Outreach Projects



IT'S TIME FOR PINK & WHITE EASTER FLOWERS

Remember how beautiful the altar looked at Christmas with all the poinsettias? Now we can repeat the process with white Easter lilies and pink hydrangeas or azaleas on Easter Sunday, April 24th. If you'd like to help "paint" the altar pink and white, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to PRCC. You may also drop it by the church office during regular hours. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Scharringhausen at 847-825-4630 or email Barbara at: splus14@att.net.

Yes, I want to help paint the Altar pink and white!

White Lilies _____ Pink Azaleas _____ Pink Hydrangeas _____

\$10.00 each

\$15.00 each

\$15.00 each

_____ I will pick up my flower(s) after the Easter Service.

_____ Please distribute to one of the shut-ins.

My donation is: _____ in memory of _____ in honor of _____ in celebration of _____

Donor(s) Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

"Many thanks for being a part of this endeavor". Barbara

The last day to order flowers is Sunday, April 10th.

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

100 S. Courtland Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068-4187
www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org
847-823-3164
847-823-3165 (fax)

Email:
office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Office Hours: 8:30 AM—12 PM,
1:00 PM—4:00 PM
Monday through Friday

Medical Lending Closet Hours:
9:30 AM—12:00 PM
Monday through Friday

Our Staff:

Rev. Dr. Brett McCleneghan
Senior Minister

Rev. Ms. Nicole Urbach
Associate Minister

Marie Clapper
Director of Pastoral
Services

Carol Longman
Director of Christian
Education

Sasha Gerritson
Minister of Music

Rick Hagedorn
Organist

Nicole Kremer
Parish Coordinator

Patrice Dombro
Parish Secretary



To:

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 8

In this issue:

A Word from Pastor Brett	Cover
April Worship	2/3
Youth Scoop	4
Stephen Ministry	5
Celebrate Second Adulthood	6
Music Ministry	7
April Calendar	8/9
Lenten Healthy Eating	10
Nat'l Health Care Decisions	11
News and Updates	12
Christian Education	13
Le Chic Boutique	14
Easter Flower Order Form	15

APRIL 2011

**Easter Sunday,
April 24th**

No Sunday School

**Butterfly Release &
Egg Hunt**

**Following 10am
Service**