

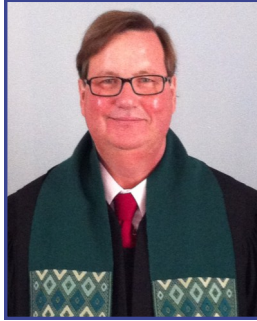


Count Yourself Blessed

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Park Ridge Community Church
2012 Stewardship Campaign



Dear PRCC Members and Friends,

Do you find yourself seeking a little more balance in your life?

I know I do. The world we live in seems to push and pull us in more and more directions with each passing day. Before long, we feel off center, out of balance. Through Scripture, God assures us we are understood; God understands our need for finding our balance. *"To everything there is a season,"* the ancient author of Ecclesiastes assures us. God understands and offers us balance, a place to stand firmly and faithfully in the world.

"Give and it will be given..." Giving and receiving. Receiving and giving. This is the fulcrum, the balance point God offers us. If you think about it, that's a fairly unusual message these days, when getting and keeping dominate so much of how the world works. It's also uniquely refreshing. To reorient our lives around this basic principle means we see ourselves and those around us in a very different light. When our guiding principle becomes "What can I give so that the love of God may shine in the lives of others?" we discover that God-given blessing of "peace that passeth all understanding."

The story of well-balanced ministry is here inside these pages. Read through these stories of how our giving brings the blessings of a varied and vibrant ministry to so many here in our church and well beyond our walls. I am confident that you will discover how richly blessed we are when we give that others may know the love of God in their lives through our beloved congregation. Then, you will be able to stand back and thank God that you had a part in bringing all these blessing to life. Look and see how we are so blessed to be doing great things together in God's name.

"We love because God first loved us." (I John 4:19) That's it, really. There's the balance. There's our calling in life. There's the source of our blessing. It's everything God's ever wanted for us. All the way back in Genesis, we hear of God's covenant with Abraham, "You are blessed that you might be a blessing to others." And that's God's gift for us today. I count myself blessed to receive it whole-heartedly...and then to pass the blessing on to others. I pray that you do, too. Giving is one of God's greatest blessings.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Brett W. McCleneghan, PhD
Senior Minister

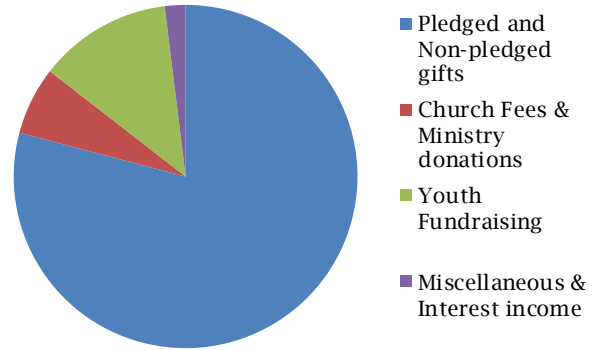
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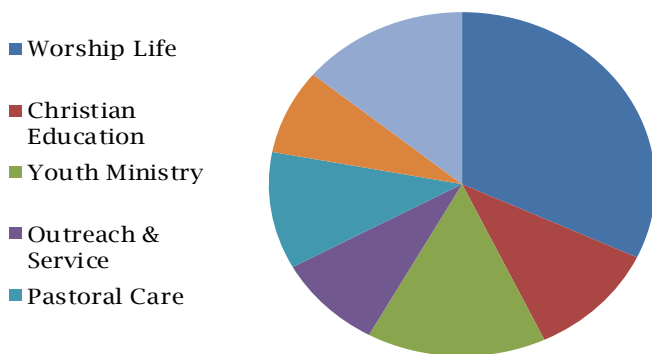
PRCC is Blessed to receive...

Our budget for 2011 is \$630,080. We are blessed to receive the majority of these funds through congregational pledges and gifts. A note to these figures this year, the Youth fundraising and budget are higher than normal this year due to our youth participating in a mission trip to Costa Rica. Additional funds are as follows.

Pledged and Non-pledged gifts	\$498,400	79.1%
Church Fees & Ministry donations	\$ 40,400	6.4%
Youth Fundraising	\$ 79,030	12.5%
Miscellaneous & Interest income	\$ 12,250	2.0%



...and Blessed to provide.



Worship Life	\$201,625
Christian Education	69,309
Youth Ministry	94,512
Outreach & Service	56,707
Pastoral Care	69,309
Faith Community	50,406
Care of Resources	88,211

Along with the "monetary blessings" funding these various ministries, we are blessed to have scores of volunteers graciously giving thousands of hours of service.

We are Blessed in our Worship...

Worship is our central act as Christians. We gather together to receive God's word, to pray for one another, to sing to the Lord, to celebrate the Sacraments and to lift up our lives to our God.

Our Worship has provided and received many blessings this past year.

- ◆ Inspiring preaching from our Pastors
- ◆ Our world-class Chancel Choir
- ◆ Angeli Choir
- ◆ Youth Choirs
- ◆ Handbell Choirs
- ◆ Our beautiful Sanctuary



We are Blessed in our Christian Education...

Our Christian Education ministry offers spiritual guidance to church members and friends from infancy through adulthood, all provided with a warm sense of community and camaraderie.

Our Christian Education provided and received many blessings this past year.

- ◆ The Grand Sweep Bible Study
- ◆ The Christian Believer Bible Study
- ◆ Our loving nursery staff
- ◆ Our wonderful, nurturing Sunday School teachers
- ◆ The "Wall of Sound"
- ◆ The Christmas pageant
- ◆ First communion classes
- ◆ Acolyte service
- ◆ Rally Day
- ◆ Vacation Bible School



We are Blessed in our Youth...

We are very committed to our youth and to providing them with a safe, faith-filled, encouraging ministry. Our young people learn what it is to be a Christian through service, fellowship, worship, learning and good, old fun!

Our youth provided and received many blessings this past year.

- ◆ Costa Rica Mission Trip
- ◆ Pumpkin Patch
- ◆ Scavenger Hunt
- ◆ Ski Trip
- ◆ Beatles Nights
- ◆ Youth Retreat
- ◆ Mini-Mission Trip
- ◆ Youth Groups
- ◆ Family Thanksgiving



We are Blessed in our Outreach and Service...

We seek to meet people where they are. This drives the many ministries of our outreach and service. From welcoming newcomers to PRCC, to serving our neighbors, around Chicago, around the country and around the world, we seek to serve where we are called.

Our Outreach and Service Ministry provided many blessings this past year.

- ◆ Food for Maine Township Food Pantry
- ◆ Bethel New Life Christmas Store
- ◆ Lincoln Park Shelter Dinners
- ◆ Medical Lending Closet
- ◆ St. Paul Sunday Dinners
- ◆ Good News Partners
- ◆ CROP walk
- ◆ Many others



We are Blessed in our Pastoral Care...



We take care of each other, serving in Christ's name. Our clergy, staff, and volunteers provide pastoral support by tending to the sick and dying, the suffering and bereaved. We do so by praying along with the practical support of visits and calls. We also provide a variety of services to meet ongoing needs.

Our Pastoral Care Ministry provided many blessings this past year.

- ◆ Stephen Ministry
- ◆ Support teams
- ◆ Senior Contact
- ◆ Pastoral Counseling
- ◆ Hospital Visits
- ◆ Home Visits
- ◆ Funeral Meals
- ◆ Service of Remembrance

We are Blessed in our Faith Community...

We gather together to enjoy fellowship with one another. This takes place in many shapes and forms: from a simple cup of coffee to a full, catered dinner; from yoga and basketball to lectures and musical events. All bring us closer to each other and thus closer to God.

Our Faith Community Ministry provided many blessings this past year.

- ◆ Jazz in January
- ◆ Easter Breakfast
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ Yoga
- ◆ Dinner Groups
- ◆ Women's Circle
- ◆ Kindred Spirits
- ◆ Special Choir performances



We are Blessed in our Resources...

We are blessed with a landmark building with a steeple rising gracefully above the city skyline. We gather in this lovely and well-used space for worship, celebration, meetings, learning, fellowship and service. We have received these facilities as a trust from previous generations and so we care for them now for the generations yet to come. As with all older buildings, ours does require much tender, loving care.



A Final Word about Stewardship...

The ability to give is a blessing. Our giving fulfills a need in us to respond to what God, in His love, has already given to us. We feel His blessings and long for a deeper relationship with Him. Our giving, as a personal act of our faith, brings us closer to our brothers and sisters and thus brings us closer to God.

Please thoughtfully consider how you are blessed and what God is calling you to give for the upcoming year. We would love for you to join us on Consecration Sunday, October 30th and make your pledge. If you are unable to join us, please complete the attached pledge form and mail it to:

Receipts Treasurer
Park Ridge Community Church
100 S. Courtland Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068

For budgeting purposes, pledges are requested to be received by November 12th, please let us know if you need additional time. As always, your pledge and giving are completely confidential. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Park Ridge Community Church.



2012 Estimate of Giving - Park Ridge Community Church

Count Yourself Blessed

We thank God for giving us the power and the opportunity to share with one another.

We thank God for giving us all that we have and all that we are.

And we offer back to God our gifts today as a sign of our gratitude for God's generosity in every season.

God will bless our gifts, we have no doubt, and God will strengthen us in the giving.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

For 2012, I/We make the following faith-promise to assist our church in the work of Jesus Christ.

I/We plan to give \$_____ per: **Week/Month/Year** (circle one)

Please supply contribution envelopes? **(Yes/No)** (circle one)

This pledge is: (check one) _____ a new pledge _____ an increase _____ a decrease from last year.

FOR AUTOMATIC GIVING, COMPLETE FORM BELOW & ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK:

I (we) hereby authorize Park Ridge Community Church to initiate debit entries to my (our):

_____ **Checking Account** or _____ **Savings Account** (check one) indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provision of US law.

Bank Name (Depository) _____ **Branch** _____ **City** _____

My Account # _____ **Bank Routing#** _____

(9 digit number on front of check)

Beginning January 1, 2012, please transfer \$_____ **Weekly/Monthly/Quarterly** (circle one) to Park Ridge Community Church—Acct. #0201118-6-01 Park Ridge Community Bank ABA: 071925525, 626 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Park Ridge Community Church has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Park Ridge Community Church reasonable time to act on it.

Name(s): _____ **ID#** _____

(Social Security # or Driver's License #)

_____ **ID#** _____

Signature(s): _____ **Date:** _____

This estimate may be raised or lowered at anytime by notifying the Receipts Treasurer. Please bring your completed form to church on October 30th. Or, you may mail it to: Receipts Treasurer, PRCC, 100 S. Courtland, PR, IL 60068

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