

# THE PRCC NEWS

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NOVEMBER 2011 ◦ VOLUME THREE ◦ ISSUE TWO

## A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP: STORIES OF BLESSING

**WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A SIGNIFICANT STEWARDSHIP SEASON IN OUR BELOVED CONGREGATION.** Over the past weeks we have heard two remarkable stories of faith and blessing from both Julie Hennessey and Bob Ady.

**JUST ENOUGH.** Julie spoke so movingly of having: just enough music, just enough concrete, just enough hope, just enough faith, for her and her children to receive and so appreciate the blessings of being part of the life of PRCC. Listening to her narrate Allison's recent college choir concert for the King and Queen of Norway opened a window for us to see how participating in our Music Ministry is the foundation for realizing her call and vocation in music. Travelling back to Costa Rica and the Youth Mission Trip, Julie placed us smack in the middle of a moment of miracle as son Jake and the entire work crew learned "gravel+cement+water+faith= *Everything that you need...* that if he combines his effort with a little faith, he can do the impossible." And in narrating her own faith journey, Julie articulated one of the most cherished elements of our life together in this church, "just how I am, I've learned that God gave me ENOUGH faith, maybe just enough, to quiet the 'disbelief' and see his hand at work." And so she concluded with this word of understated gratitude: "Just maybe, I am blessed."

**FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY.** Bob Ady graciously invited us into his journey of faith and experience, from those times where life has been "very, very good," to the times where life was "very, very bad." He spoke with such appreciation of those who have been present along the way who have nurtured and supported his faith: from a college roommate resolved to read aloud the entire Bible in a year's time, to "this church and its members (who) have been a shelter for us during subsequent storms we have experienced, as well as a place to share all the good news that we have enjoyed."

**FEELING GOD'S TOUCH.** And, we listened intently as Bob shared his experience of "feeling God's touch" in our recent 365 day Bible Study, reading and learning and growing in faith and understanding from Genesis to Revelation. He warmly invited us to learn to wait for God's touch in even the most unlikely moments. Reflecting on the many blessings in his life, Bob encouraged us all, saying, "If God hasn't touched you yet, he will if you let him. You may feel his presence while selling pumpkins, constructing a house in Alabama or Mississippi, attending Church on a Sunday morning... OR making a pledge to this church for all the blessing you have received. None of us knows when or where we will be touched by God but it can happen when you least expect it—I know."

**TOGETHER, OURS IS A GRAND STORY OF BLESSINGS RECEIVED.** Thanks to the excellent work by Dave Kapolnek and Patrice Dombro, we have a clear overview of our blessings as presented in our narrative. Dave sums it up so well when he explains, "This is the story of well-balanced ministry here at our church. It shows how our giving brings blessings to many, both here in our church and well beyond our walls. We hope you have read through it and that you were able to see how truly blessed we are by having a part in bringing all these blessings to life. Our ability to give is in itself a blessing. We hope you will consider what God is calling you to give for 2012." If you have not already made your pledge for 2012, we encourage you to join with us in doing so as soon as you are able. Additional copies of the narrative budget are available in the Church Office

*"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38*

If you are able, I invite you to join Lauri and me as we continue to enjoy the blessings of growing in our giving.

Grace and Peace,

Brett W. McCleneghan

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Clarke	11/1
David Kapolnek	11/1
Sam Taglia	11/1
Lauren Crowl	11/2
Eric Nelson	11/2
Eleanor Anderson	11/3
Charles Cady	11/3
Genevieve Fabisch	11/3
Katie Hapeman	11/3
Tristan Kenney	11/3
Thomas Bowman	11/4
Magdalena Smidchens	11/4
Max Crowley	11/5
Jack Dombro	11/5
Jim Fizzell	11/5
D.J. Schoonover	11/5
Ruth Shook-Orr	11/5
Joe Iberl	11/6
Lorraine Fierce	11/7
Christine Paulding	11/7
Bella Brown	11/9
Janine Madro	11/9
Sydney Sturmer	11/9
Andrea Wells	11/9
Leigh Sasser	11/10
Katie Pachowicz	11/11
Linnea Orr	11/12
Tedd Allchin	11/13
Zack Johnson	11/13
Teddy Khan	11/14
Shelley O'Brien	11/14
Paul Sindt	11/14
Bob Ady	11/16
Dee DeCardy	11/16
Jacob Lewandowski	11/16
Thomas Matzen	11/16
Susan Burns	11/17

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

### SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS:

8:30 AM—9:15 AM: Chapel Worship

10:00 AM—11:00 AM: Sanctuary Worship

\* Nursery open from 8:15-11:30 am \*

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November 6 All Saints Sunday Holy Communion  
 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost  
 Sermon: **God In The Midst**  
 Texts: *Genesis 50:7-22; Romans 8: 18-39*

7:30 PM Service of Remembrance

November 13 Folk Music Sunday  
 Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost  
 Sermon: **God Makes Covenant With Us**  
 Texts: *Jeremiah 31:31-37; I Corinthians 11:17-26*

November 20 Thanksgiving Sunday  
 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost  
 Sermon: **Created in God's Image**  
 Texts: *Psalms 8; Ephesians 2:1-10*

November 23 Community Thanksgiving Service  
 7:30 PM Join us for the Park Ridge Tradition here at PRCC

November 27 The First Sunday in Advent  
 Sermon: **The Trouble We're In**  
 Texts: *Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 3: 1-20*



7:30 PM Moravian Love Feast  
 Join us for a simple candlelight service to start the Advent Season. More information is located on page 12.

### USHERS NEEDED!

We can use a few more ushers to lighten the load of our current staff. Anyone who is interested in helping out, please contact Jan Steiner at 847.692.4318. Thank you!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### PRAYER MINISTRY

**We keep in our prayers:** Donald Anderson (Siri Nelson's father), JoAnn Anderson, Stephanie Beery and her grandsons, Phil Berent, Michael Bianchi, Jeff Brown, Mike Brown and family (Barbara and Bill Scharringhausen's nephew), Randal Carpenter (father of Cheri Carpenter), Evelyn Claire, Marie De-gaard, 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 Crowl, Alice Keat-ing, Candace Kidston, Grace Koening and her family, Walter and Christina Kotecki (Bernice Zabawski's brother), Jim Lego (Mary Biardo's brother), Lou Limper, Alexis Marsh, Elsie Matthys, Jimmie McSpad-den, Lurana Nelson, Chester and Leo Netko (father and uncle of Cindy Winter), Pauline Numrych, Lisa & Abigail O'Grady, Carol Potter, Geri Sell (Teri Biedke's mother), Leah Schaul, Yoshiko Urasaki, Ben Wright (father of Grace Curtis).

#### Joys and Concerns from October Worship: Services:

- Prayers of blessings to all those who are walking in the CROP walk on 10/16.
- Prayers of joy in honor Grace Koenig 97th birthday.
- Prayers of healing for Marcella Reck who fractured her left femur.
- Prayers for Helen Thoren, Herb Nicoai's brother, who passed away on 9/12/2011.
- Prayers for the family of Dan McGinn, whose wife passed away recently.
- Prayers of hope for a daughter and granddaughter struggling with depression.
- Prayers for Dave Neustader who is fighting cancer and has entered hospice.
- Prayers for Ian, Sarah, and William Gerdon. William was born weeks early by emergency C-section.
- Prayers for recovery for Damien Neuberger, a Stephen Minister Leader in Glenview as he recently received a kidney transplant.
- Prayers of joy for the birthday of Siri Nelson.
- Prayers of joy for the marriage of Kevin and Cassie Libby, Mike and Betty Mazer's son.
- Prayers for Devon Shah as he travels to Texas for the next five months with the National Guard.
- Prayers for a cousin, Kathy, who is going through a very tough time in her life.

*We hope you take comfort in knowing that Stephen Ministers are praying for those listed.*

## NOTES FROM THE CONGREGATION

From Grace MacKay:

Please give my love to all—I enjoy all news!

From Jane and Jim Fizzell:

We have been "triplly" blessed this summer with the arrival of 3 more great-grandkids:

Henry Jerome born to Aaron and April Ferguson; Finnegan James, born to Andy and Kristen Huckle; and last Monday, Elan Kristoffer born to Colin and Lyssa Huckle. That makes 10 great-grandkids. God Is Good!

Grandparents are Lori (Fizzell) and Michael Ferguson, Solvang CA; and Sue (Fizzell) and Mark Huckle, Irving TX. Thank you for the prayers for Lyssa during the difficult pregnancy. She and Elan are fine.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Matthew Deitke</b>	11/17
<b>Ryen Desmedt</b>	11/18
<b>Camille Gitter</b>	11/18
<b>Jim Matson Sr.</b>	11/18
<b>Bev Patt</b>	11/18
<b>Phoebe Welsh</b>	11/18
<b>Tara Yuen</b>	11/18
<b>Wilson Cook</b>	11/19
<b>Frederick Johnston</b>	11/19
<b>Wendy Hayes</b>	11/20
<b>Corky Scott</b>	11/20
<b>Marie Clapper</b>	11/21
<b>Joshua Jarvis</b>	11/21
<b>Ulla-Britt Sivertsen</b>	11/21
<b>Karryn Swanson</b>	11/21
<b>Lindsay Eatherton</b>	11/22
<b>Jason Kusibab</b>	11/22
<b>Jorie Walsh</b>	11/22
<b>Carol Bowman</b>	11/23
<b>Karen Davis</b>	11/24
<b>Colleen Herrmann</b>	11/24
<b>Kenny Kotowsky</b>	11/24
<b>Samantha Kotowsky</b>	11/24
<b>Pat Nelson</b>	11/24
<b>Margie Norris</b>	11/24
<b>Andrew Knoblauch</b>	11/25
<b>Leigh Kunkel</b>	11/25
<b>Shirlee Bohannan</b>	11/28
<b>Jack Durrbeck</b>	11/28
<b>Alexander Sarullo</b>	11/28
<b>Julie Shotsberger</b>	11/28
<b>Janet Johnson</b>	11/29
<b>Jean Lemke</b>	11/29
<b>Carolyn Merrifield</b>	11/29
<b>Tab Battaglia</b>	11/30
<b>Sheila Hohmann</b>	11/30

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### BOOK SWAP ~ DROP NOW, SHOP LATER

Are you a voracious reader? Are you ready to dive into “new” reading material? PRCC is here to help, with a Book Swap on Sunday, November 13, 9:00 am—2:00 pm in Jordan Hall (concurrent with the Fair Trade Show in the Great Hall). Drop off books you’ve finished in the Park Place Room by November 10, and we’ll sort them by November 13th. Take any books you like on that day, free of charge! Infant through adult books are welcome. Remaining books will be donated. Please contact Teri Biedke with questions or suggestions for donation recipients. 847.823.3164 x 114 or [teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

### ADULT EDUCATION

Christian Believer classes continue weekly in the church library (lower level): Wednesdays 7:30—9:00 pm, Thursdays noon—1:30 pm, or Saturdays 8:30—10:00 am. To sign up or to receive more information, contact Teri Biedke, Director of Christian Education, (847)823-3164x114 or [teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school registration continues throughout the school year. Please fill out a form (available from your child’s teacher, the Sunday school superintendents, or the director of Christian Education) to provide current contact and allergy information for each child. Your child is welcome to join us at any time. Feel free to bring friends! Questions? Please contact Teri Biedke, 847.823.3164 x 114 or [teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

Sunday school schedule:

- 10:00-10:15 All gather in the sanctuary to begin worship with family members. Pastors dismiss the children to Sunday school.
- 10:15-10:30 Preschool to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children sing in the Great Hall (above the Sunday school wing).
- 10:30-11:15 Preschool to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children are led to their classrooms for lessons and crafts.
- 10:15-11:15 4<sup>th</sup> grade to high school students proceed directly to their classrooms from the sanctuary.
- 11:15 Parents are welcome to pick up their young children from their classrooms.

Nursery care is available each Sunday 8:30-11:15 am for infants through 5 years of age on the lower level, next to Jordan Hall.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PREPARATIONS

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 18th, with a rehearsal at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 17th. All of our children are welcome to participate in this touching tradition. Requests for speaking parts and other special roles may be made on a form available beginning November 6th.



## PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATES!

### HOORAY! WE DID IT!!!

The 8th annual pumpkin patch was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped over the last 2 weeks!

Whether you helped with set up, the unload, provided baked goods, worked at the patch or just plain shopped for pumpkins, we appreciate YOU!

Watch for the next CC News with reports of our final fund-raising income from this year's patch.

But, now that it's over...what are you going to do with all those pumpkins???

Read on for some fun facts and ideas for using those up orange veggies (courtesy of Carol Longman).



### BEYOND THE JACK-O' LANTERN

Pumpkin is squash and squash is healthy and tasty so why not eat some and get a big dose of vitamin A? That said, giant carving pumpkins are not really eating pumpkins. Make sure you buy a small, thinner-skinned eating variety for better sweetness and more flavor.

### HOW TO COOK YOUR PUMPKIN

**Basic baked:** Remove seeds and place a halved small pumpkin, cut side down in a 350 degree oven for 1 hours (+/-) until tender. Cool, then scrape out the tender flesh with a spoon and discard the rind.

**Boil:** Halve, remove seeds and peel the pumpkin, then cut the flesh into uniform cubes. Boil until tender, 15 – 30 minutes depending on size.

**Microwave:** Place pumpkin pieces in a glass bowl. Cover with microwave safe plastic wrap and cook in high until tender – about 15 minutes. Move the pieces around a couple of times during cooking. Cool then scrape out the tender flesh. Discard the rind.

### HOW TO EAT YOUR PUMPKIN

- Stir ¼ cup of pumpkin puree into your morning oatmeal before cooking and season with cinnamon and sugar.
- Mash pumpkin and mix with melted butter, maple syrup and nutmeg.
- Top a salad with 2 tablespoons of pumpkin seeds for crunch, zinc and healthy fats.

Add pumpkin chunks to stew for a nutrition boost and a hint of sweetness.

### HOW TO TOAST THE SEEDS

Carve your pumpkin and scoop out the seeds. Get the goop off by placing the seeds in a bowl of water. The goop sinks, the seeds float. Blot the seeds dry on paper towels. Either toss the seeds in a little vegetable oil or spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. Evenly spread the seeds on the cooking sheet and roast them at 350 for 15 – 25 minutes or until they are dry and crunchy. Sprinkle with salt, cumin, garlic or other spices.



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<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>THANKSGIVING SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM: Worship in the Chapel</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Sunday School</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM: Angeli Choir</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM: Youth Group</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM: Basketball</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: CC News Deadline – December Issue</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Bible Study—Library</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM: No Junior Choir</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM: No Com. Church Chimers</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga—Great Hall</b></p> <p><b>11:30 PM: KSC—Jordan Hall</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM: Stephen Ministry Meeting—Library</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast—Jordan Hall</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM: No H2H</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM: Yoga—Great Hall</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM: Community Thanksgiving Service—PRCC</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM: Christian Believer Class—Library</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE AND MLC CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE AND MLC CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting – Parlor</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM: Christian Believer Class – Library</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM: Worship in the Chapel</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Sunday School</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM: No Angeli Choir</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM: Youth Group (and attend Love Feast)</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM: Moravian Love Feast—Crego Chapel</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM: No Basketball</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Bible Study—Library</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM: Junior Choir</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM: Com. Church Chimers</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga—Great Hall</b></p> <p><b>11:30 PM: KSC—Jordan Hall</b></p> <p><b>6:30 PM: Spirit of Christmas—Jordan Hall</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM: Trustees Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast—Jordan Hall</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM: H2H—Huddle—Leaders Only</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM: Yoga—Great Hall</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM: Christian Believer Class—Library</b></p>			

## STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE BY ANITA RIFKIND



*This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment...*

*1 John 4:12 and 4:16-17*

*...No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,*

*God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

*Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

Occupy Wall Street appears to me to be something of a Yuppie version of a 1960s peace/civil rights protest. A young friend of mine posted the following on her Facebook page: “What non democratic states haven’t figured out is that if you manage stable institutions, protests mainly become a place to eat pizza and figure out where to walk to...”

She is a doctoral candidate in political science at a very highly ranked east-coast college and apparently took some time off from teaching and writing to join the protest. (I should probably add that her parents are likely part of the upper 2 percent, if not the upper 1 percent.)

One of her friends responded “The protestors are doing something far more important at the moment.” My friend said. “Not literally at this exact moment they aren’t. (Or not where I am anyway) Technically they are discussing how to decide whether to go to a bar or march down Broadway.”

In fairness, this exchange is taken out of context. The actual point she was trying to make was that the protest did not appear to her to be so “fundamentally threatening” that the police needed to be so ramped up and anxious.

I felt the same way about the protests in Chicago during the 1968 convention. I wasn’t among the protestors; I was driving down Michigan Avenue as they were being held in Grant Park by National Guard troops – young men who were distinguished from the protestors only by their uniforms and their hair cuts. College students all. There seemed to me to be some good-natured ribbing going on between them, and I would not have guessed that less than two hours later, things would get very ugly indeed.

None of this is new. The New Testament is full of groups of people who turn violent and/or police action being taken against peaceful protestors. Jesus stirs up people against the status quo at the temple and ultimately is arrested because of the fear that he will lead an uprising against the existing authorities, religious and political. Paul incites his listeners to riot in Ephesus with his message of a new covenant. Ultimately Paul gets dragged (almost literally) back to Jerusalem to explain himself, having upset his fellow Jewish Christians with his inclusive message to Gentiles. Their solution, seven days of purification, apparently is not enough to prevent “the whole city” from being aroused. The police arrest him to placate what became an angry mob. Ultimately Paul is believed to have been executed in Rome.

A spark turns peaceful protestors to violence; crowds of worshipers turn ugly when their beliefs are challenged. The religious hierarchy eliminates by any means possible an uncomfortable challenger to their authority. And the unintended consequences are painful indeed. A young woman is shot and killed on a college campus. (Kent State) A man “testifying to the good news of God’s grace” is carried out of Jerusalem in chains. God’s own child is crucified.

Well, it is the human condition, isn’t it? Even those of us who profess to be Christians hurt each other, sometimes because we are trying to protect our family, or our selves, or whatever beliefs there are that we hold more dear than another human soul. And sometimes we just get carried away with the group.

But it isn’t supposed to be this way. The message Jesus was crucified for, the message that Paul was killed for is this: there is nothing more important than the love we are to give to each other because the closest we can get to God is in that love. “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

Perhaps you have hurt someone unintentionally and are struggling to find a way to undo what you have done. Perhaps you are the person who has been hurt and are struggling to understand how this has happened. Perhaps talking to someone about it will help. Call Pastor Brett (847-823-3164) or Ginny Feurer (847-299-1781) if you would like a Stephen Minister – someone who not only hear what you have to say, but who also will give you the unconditional love that forms the basis of John’s powerful words: “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

## SECOND ADULTHOOD

### KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

All are welcome to join us on Tuesdays for lunch in Jordan Hall. Come around 11:30 or 12:00 with your sandwich, we will provide beverages and a delicious dessert. You could attend the yoga class at 10:15 am and then enjoy lunch with the living group of Kindred Spirits. We hope to see you there!

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The PRCC Support Teams is a group of volunteers working together to offer practical support to individuals and families in times of need. After this summer with high temperatures, power outages and flooding, the Support Team group saw the need to be ready for weather emergencies. PRCC staff and support team members are working to put together a list of people in our church family who might need assistance during weather emergencies. Emergency Preparedness is an important way to care for each other. If you would like your name included to be contacted during an emergency or if you would like to be one to connect with those on the list, please contact Liz Swanson at 847.823.3164 x114 or [liz@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:liz@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

### GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

This year Grief and the Holidays will be hosted at St. Juliana's Parish 7400 W Touhy Ave from 7pm to 8:30pm on Thursday November 17. The focus of this presentation is for bereaved people to explore positive alternatives for coping with memories, feelings and expectations associated with the holiday season. This is sponsored by Rainbow Hospice and there is no charge but donations are welcome. To register, please call (847)692-8884

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday November 6th at 7:30 pm, there will be a special service to honor the memories of loved ones within our church family who have died during the past year. If you would like a loved one to be included in this service, please phone Liz Swanson (847.823.3164 x 106). The Service of Remembrance is a very comforting worship service and we want to welcome all who wish to have loved ones included. The Angeli Choir will sing for this special service and the Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer. All are invited to attend. The following is a list of names of those who will be remembered:

Dwight Beery	Ken Webster	Robert Mack	Leonard Ginger
Iris Broadbent	Grace Logan	Dorothy McCleneghan	Daniel Douglass
Margaret Cant	Marjorie Marshall	Patricia Reynolds	Marty Soehrman
Gary Hughes	Cliff Erwin	Carol Marie Karnatz	Nick Salemi
Zak Kleiner	Floy Meagher	Gertrude Crowley	Bill Olsen
Lois Hurt	Dorothy L. Stoltenberg	Patricia Koziol	Helen Laing
Andrew Denes	Georgia Ruth Jarvis	Ingrid Mannhardt	Stella Borgman
LaVerne Peterson	Marian Fluharn	James Furnival Peyton	Carol Potter

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### CROP WALK 2011

Thank you to all who supported the 20th anniversary of Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk. We had a great turn-out of 36 walkers, almost reaching our goal of 42 walkers from PRCC. We don't have final numbers for dollars collected yet but we think we will be close to our \$3800 goal. In the next CC News, we will have final fund-raising numbers to report. If you haven't turned in your money, please drop it off in Sandy Bowen's box before November 1st.

There is still time to support Crop Walk if you missed out, either online at [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org) or by attending yoga with Cindy on Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening. Visit [www.niles.patch.com/announcements/niles-park-ridge-crop-walk](http://www.niles.patch.com/announcements/niles-park-ridge-crop-walk) for pictures!

All of our efforts collectively; walking, getting sponsors, donating money or food, attending a restaurant benefit night, etc. add up to making this one of our most successful Crop Walks. If you have questions, please contact Tricia Williams at 847.685.0887.

### CIRCLE 10 PRESENTS...

#### “Global Handmade Inspirational Meeting”

Circle 10 is hosting an inspirational meeting Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm at Global Handmade, a fair trade shop located at 428 W. Touhy Ave in the center of Park Ridge. Owner Cynthia Glensgard will talk about her faith and her mission to support working women and artisans in Africa and other struggling areas. You will have the opportunity to see the amazing collection of items for sale in her store and be motivated by her vision. This gathering is open to all ladies of the church family and friends, but **space is limited and an RSVP is necessary**. To reserve your place, please contact Karen Nelson at 847.698.0518 or 847.293.5151 (cell) or write her at [knelsonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:knelsonmusic@gmail.com).

AND...

#### “Spirit of Christmas” Boutique and Dinner

Tuesday, November 29, 2011



Ladies, invite a friend and join us on at 6:30 pm in Jordan Hall to begin the Christmas season. Enjoy a festive evening of friendship and fun plus a variety of hand crafted items made by familiar faces and local vendors to kick off your holiday shopping. \$20 per person includes dinner and one glass of wine. Tickets will be on sale Sundays in November before and after the 10:00 am service.

### JAZZ IN JANUARY

I hope you have saved the dates of January 20th and 21st for our evening of Jazz in January. This has always been a favorite of mine so I love to see it come to life. If you enjoy it, please help to make it happen. The more people who can help, the better it will be! Contact me, Jan Steiner (847.692.4318) to let me know of your interest level.

This year we are having a "family" night so the kids can enjoy the music at a reduced rate. Friday will be the night, kids tickets will be \$10.00, adults \$25.00. We want to encourage as many young musicians as possible to enjoy professional live entertainment!

## GREAT WEEK OF SERVICE—NOVEMBER 6—13

The Goal of the Great Week of Service is to deepen our faith walk by encouraging involvement and participating in service opportunities that are scheduled for this week. All Week long, please pray for PRCC and all the outreach efforts occurring this week.

Please note the following dates and times of opportunities to serve:

11/6 Sunday—	Support the Food Pantry by bringing goods to Worship Bethel New Life Christmas Shopping Sign Up Begins 7:30 pm: Service of Remembrance
11/7 Monday—	6:15 pm: Breakthrough Ministry Dinner 7:00 pm: Learn to Knit Knight
11/8 Tuesday—	11:30 am: Kindred Spirits Café—Military Outreach
11/9 Wednesday—	6:00 pm: Cooking for Lincoln Park Community Shelter
11/10 Thursday—	6:00 pm: Serving at Lincoln Park Community Shelter
11/12 Saturday—	9:00 am—4:30 pm: Good News Partners Work Crews 10:00 am—noon: Good News Partners Kids Club
11/13 Sunday—	9:00 am—2:00 pm: Fair Trade Shopping and Book Swap

## BETHEL NEW LIFE CHRISTMAS STORE

### CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER PLEASE JOIN PRCC IN SUPPORTING BETHEL NEW LIFE'S *CHRISTMAS STORE*

For over twenty years PRCC has actively supported Bethel New Life's Christmas Sharing Project. Last year they changed the scope of their program to make it more empowering for the families they serve. In the past, our church members would "adopt" a Bethel family and then purchase gifts and food to provide the family with a happy Christmas. This year we are asking you to purchase gifts and food cards that will be used in their *Christmas Store*. Instead of having a specific family in mind when buying gifts, you will be purchasing gifts that the various families can then choose from at the Christmas Store. Because we don't want to lose the personal connection that we felt with the individual families, we will have the names of specific Bethel Families to share with you. It is our hope that during the Advent Season (and beyond) you and your family will thoughtfully consider and pray for these struggling families.

A member of Bethel New Life's Staff will be on hand during worship on November 6th to share more information about their *Christmas Store*. Names of Bethel families and lists of needed gifts will also be available that day.

Please consider supporting *Bethel's Christmas Store* and helping empower the many struggling families Bethel New Life serves.

Liz Swanson and Luan Zoellner  
Co-Chairmen Christian Outreach Committee

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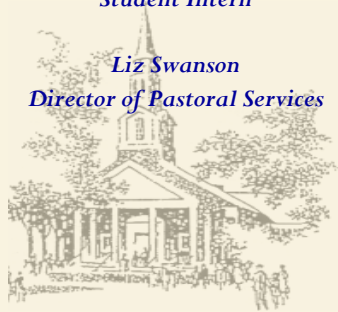
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**NOVEMBER**

**Knockout Roses**

Knockout roses have been planted around the sign in the front of the church at the corner of Courtland and Prospect Avenues.

They were a very generous donation from the family of Liz Davis.

**Moravian Love Feast**

*Hear the sounds...smell the scents*

*...feel the warmth of the season.*

*Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM in  
Crego Chapel*

*Join us for a simple candlelight service to start the Advent Season with traditional treats and warm coffee.*