

THE PRCC NEWS

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH OCTOBER 2011 ◦ VOLUME THREE ◦ ISSUE ONE

COUNT YOURSELF BLESSED - OCTOBER 30, 2011

Dear PRCC Members and Friends,

We recently gathered as one church family to celebrate Rally Sunday. It was a glorious day as we left our summer behind and began our new church year. We heard a great message of God's gifts of Peace and Hope. The Chancel Choir, along with the Arlingtones returned to inspire us in worship. Our wonderful Sunday School teachers were back in their classrooms ready to offer faith and learning. The Deacons prepared a delicious hot dog feast for us out on the lawn. Games were played out in the field and the sound of children's laughter filled the air. The excitement and anticipation of new beginnings could be felt throughout the church.

With Rally Sunday still a fresh memory, we look forward to our next celebration: Consecration Sunday. We will gather for one service at 10:00 am on Sunday, October 30. Here we will have an opportunity to thoughtfully consider our 2012 giving to PRCC as a way to grow in our faith. Our gifts today are signs of our gratitude and commitment in every day of our lives, especially the year ahead of us in the life of our church. We will follow the service with a celebratory, catered meal for the entire congregation. There will not be any charge for the luncheon and we hope that everyone can be present. To insure we have enough food, we will be asking for each member and friend to RSVP to the luncheon. Please mark your calendar now for October 30 and save the date.

During the coming weeks we will read and hear from folks who count themselves blessed. Perhaps as we listen, we will see ourselves in their stories. Perhaps we will see how we, ourselves are blessed. Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "*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.*" These are the blessings God gives to us. So plentiful that He has to squeeze them into us. May you continue to receive God's abundant blessings.

Blessings and Peace,

Dave Kapolnek

Vice Chair of the Congregation

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Anna Sophia Goetz	10/1
George Price	10/1
Dana Walsh	10/1
Pat Dickerson	10/2
Jackson Kessem	10/2
Brett McCleneghan	10/2
Kristen Van Tine	10/2
Emily Vigil	10/2
Aidan Collins	10/6
Connor Collins	10/6
Jeff Cox	10/6
Maggie Kehoe	10/6
Rachel Lapp	10/6
Casey Plach	10/6
Nichole Schaul	10/6
Marti Wind	10/6
Michael Anderlick	10/8
Fred Flener	10/8
Ann Gill	10/8
Carl Frantz	10/9
Siri Nelson	10/9
Jim Sindt	10/9
Phyllis Whitford	10/9
Hugh Smart	10/10
Andreas Hayes	10/11
Bob Swindell	10/11
Amy Wright	10/11
Nicole Urbach	10/12
Owen King	10/13
George Rico	10/13
Lillian Krause	10/15
Kimber Tirados	10/15
Heather Cannon	10/16
Anthony Gaddini	10/16
Michael Smandra	10/16
Gretchen Tone	10/16
Joe Baumel	10/17
Patrick Klimmeck	10/17
Jerry Upton	10/17
Cheri Carpenter	10/18
Justin Eatherton	10/18
Susan Troester	10/18
Maggie Wave	10/18
Adam Allchin	10/19
Alexa Allchin	10/19
Hope Allchin	10/19

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

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 *

This month offers a number of special treasures. We begin our 30 week series on the essential teachings of Christianity, held in common by Churches through the ages and still so relevant for our daily lives today. Senior Sunday is an annual tradition that is treasured by our family of faith. Come to be inspired and learn from the faith and experience of our Senior members. The month concludes with our Consecration Sunday Celebration. Join with us as we dedicate our gifts and our lives to the service of Body of Christ

October 2—Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worldwide Communion

Sermon: ***Do We Understand What We Believe?***

Texts: *Job 42: 1-6; John 20:24-31*

October 9—Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: ***Knowing the Living God***

Texts: *Psalms 19; Romans 1:14-23*

October 16—Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: ***God's Book for God's People***

Texts: *II Kings 22:3-23:3; II Timothy 3:10-17*

October 23 —Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Senior Sunday

October 30—Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Consecration Sunday—One Service Only

The Entire Church Family Worships Together at 10 a.m.

Sermon: ***Knowing God's Name***

Texts: *Exodus 3:1-15; John 14:1-14*

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, Mike 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 Crowl, Alice Keating, Candace Kidston, Grace Koening and her family, Walter and Christina Kotecki (Bernice Zabawski's brother), Patricia Koziol, Jim Lego (Mary Biardo's brother), Lou Limper, Alexis Marsh, Elsie Matthys, Jimmie McSpadden, Lurana Nelson, Chester and Leo Netko (father and uncle of Cindy Winter), Pauline Numrych, Lisa & Abigail O'Grady, Carol Potter, Leah Schaul, Yoshiko Urasaki, Ben Wright (father of Grace Curtis).

Joys and Concerns from September Worship: Services:

Prayers of support for Jim Sindt, who is recovering from a cornea transplant.

Prayers for a son who is looking for work.

Prayers of recovery for Frank O'Connor, a good friend of Jim and Marty Nolan.

Prayers of joy and thanks for a dear friend who received good news following a serious surgery.

Prayers of hope for a son who is looking for work.

Prayers of joy for the 16th birthday of Kyrie Nelson on September 4th!

Prayers of joy and thanks for the prayers for Randal Carpenter who is getting stronger every day.

Prayers of joy for the birth of Cheryll and Joe DeYoung's first grandchild, a girl named Charlie Rae, on Thursday, September 8th.

Prayers of joy for the 32nd birthday of Bromleigh McCleneghan.

Prayers of congratulations for Laura Sissman on her birthday on September 16th!

Prayers of joy for the wedding anniversaries of Carol and Scott Longman (18 years), Jim and Marty Nolan (60 years), John and Ruth Orr (28 years), and Fred and Naomi Siebert (18 years).

Prayers for Joe Boyle, Mike Boyle's father.

Prayers for Tim Cook, Nathaniel Cook's father.

Prayers of strength for a friend who was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Prayers for Cheryll DeYoung's aunt who entered into life in the resurrection on September 9th.

Flowers on the Altar this week have been given in joyous celebration of Nancy and Bob Adys' 54th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know should be added to our prayer list at 847.823.3164 or office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Anderson	10/19
Cheryll DeYoung	10/19
Tony DiGiacomo	10/19
Britt-Marie Sivertsen	10/19
Careen Smandra	10/19
Micah Orr	10/20
Emma Tumminello	10/20
Laney Weaver	10/20
Mike Artrip	10/22
Evelyn Claire	10/22
James Dombro	10/22
Kristen Hannon	10/22
Ali Jarvis	10/22
Darcy Le Duc	10/23
John Schwartz	10/23
Marge Caithamer	10/24
Paula LaBree	10/24
Nick Tumminello	10/24
Allen Knoblauch	10/25
Rachel Holihan	10/26
Robin Doubek	10/27
Julie Hennessy	10/27
Eamon Hurd	10/27
Bradley Johnson	10/27
Laura Kolze Pembrook	10/27
Laura Pembrook	10/27
Abby Streightiff	10/27
Kristyn Anderson	10/28
Andrea Cox	10/28
Gretchen Kapolnek	10/28
Kevin Coyle	10/29
Fred Lehman	10/29
Hannah Siebert	10/29
Bob Van Pelt	10/29
Pat Coyle	10/30
JoEllen Flener	10/30
Carole Nelson	10/30
Liz Ewald	10/31
Brendan Peters	10/31

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECEIPTS TREASURER

Ministries and activities at PRCC are "in full swing" after a summer of rest and relaxation. For those who have kept their pledged giving current during the summer months, THANK YOU! ... for your part in our maintaining a positive cash flow. It is important that we receive this regular giving from our members. An excellent ... & easy ... way to do this is by automatic deposits through your bank. I will be happy to arrange this for you. As also is quite common during the summer, there are some who have not contributed regularly. We respectfully ask you to catch-up with your pledge, if you can, knowing full well that difficult economic times continue. I am confident that at the end of the year giving will be back on budget, and our church will continue its many ministries with sound financial backing. THANK YOU! ... for your continued financial support of PRCC. Bill Scharringhausen

Contact the church office if you'd like to be added to our birthday list!

847-823-3164

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school registration is ongoing and continues after Rally Sunday. Please fill out a form (available from your child's teacher, the Sunday school superintendents, or the director of Christian Education) to provide contact and allergy information for each child. Questions? Please contact Teri Biedke, (847) 823-3164 x114 or 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 3rd grade children sing in the Great Hall (above the Sunday school wing).
- 10:30-11:15 Preschool to 3rd grade children are led to their classrooms for lessons and crafts.
- 10:15-11:15 4th 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.

** October 30, Consecration Sunday: 10:00 am service only. Children will sing in worship and remain with their families throughout the service. Please join the congregation for a meal in Jordan Hall after the service as well.

BOOK SWAP

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. Bring in books you've finished in late October-early November, and we'll sort them by November 13. Take any book 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 x114 or teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER—KNOWING GOD WITH HEART AND MIND

Christian Believer classes continue in the church library (lower level) during the following times:

Wednesdays: 7:30—9:00 pm

Thursdays: Noon—1:30 pm

Saturdays: 8:30—10:00 am

It's not too late to sign up or to receive more information. Contact Teri Biedke, Director of Christian Education, (847) 823-3164x114 or teri@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

YOUTH SCOOP—OCTOBER

High School Youth Group Sundays, 6-7:30p

10/2		Iron Chef “What’s Your Purpose?” (1) 7:30 pm Youth Leader Meeting
10/9	5-7 pm	All-Church Youth Supporter’s Dinner RSVP to the church office
10/15	9 am Sat	Pumpkins Arrive—All Hands On Deck
10/16		“What’s Your Purpose?” (2)
10/23		Halloween Festivites—Decorating pumpkins
10/30		“What’s Your Purpose?” (3)
11/6	11am	Patch Clean Up after worship
	6 pm	Jesus Was A Teenager!

Middle School Head2Heart Confirmation

Wednesdays, 6-7:30p

10/5		OT4: The Promise Continues
10/9	5 pm Sun	Youth Supporter’s Dinner RSVP to the church office
10/12		Leader Huddle—no regular class
10/19		OT5: Moses and the Wanderings
10/26		Serve and Play in The Patch!



PATCH-A-PALOOZA



All the ways (big and small) you can help out with the PATCH

1) WE NEED WHEELBARROWS & WAGONS!

Drop off your wheelbarrows at the Carriage House driveway before October 15.

2) BAKERS AND CRAFTERS UNITE!

Could you donate baked goods or Halloween-themed craft items to be sold at the Patch? If so, contact Grace Curtis through the church office or by email (gcurtis1968@comcast.net).

3) SAVE THE DATE! Set Up the Patch

Sunday, October 9, after 10:00 am worship. Bring gloves, joyful spirits, and willing hearts.

4) SAVE THE DATE! Unloading Pumpkins at the Patch

Saturday, October 15, 9am (time subject to change). Bring a wheelbarrow, a wagon, a strong back, or a knack for organizing people to get the job done! Snacks will be provided. Many hands make light work!

AND DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO WORK AT THE PATCH!

We need lots of help from adults and youth to keep this youth group fundraiser going! And remember that middle and high school youth who work at the PATCH can earn youth account money to help them pay for the ski trip, Great America, and the Mission Trip!

2011 Pumpkin Patch Meetings & Activities

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 4th—7:30 pm

Sunday, October 9th—after church

Tuesday, October 11th—7:30 pm

Saturday, October 15th—early am

October 15th—October 31st

Sunday, November 6th, after church

Patch Planning Meeting

HELP SET UP THE PATCH—All hands on deck!

Patch Planning Meeting

HELP UNLOAD PUMPKINS—All hands on deck!

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN! Join us

HELP TEAR DOWN THE PATCH—All hands on deck!

Sign up to help at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/youth/2011pumpkinpatchcalendar.aspx!

October 2011

Park Ridge Community Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: <i>Worship in the Sanctuary</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: Sunday School</p> <p>4:00 PM: Angeli Choir and Concert (6:30)</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM: Bible Study—Library</p> <p>4:00 PM: Junior Choir</p> <p>5:00 PM: Com. Church Chimers</p> <p>7:00 PM: Knit For Charity—Parlor</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM: Tuesday Bible Study—Library</p> <p>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>11:30 PM: KSC—Jordan Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Patch Planning—Parlor</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast—Jordan Hall</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p> <p>6:00 PM: H2H—Jordan Hall</p> <p>6:30 PM: Lincoln Park Shelter Cooking—Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 PM: Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Christian Believer Class—Library</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:45 AM: CBS—Lower Level</p> <p>12:00 PM – Christian Believer Class—Library</p> <p>1:30 PM: Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM: Lincoln Park Shelter Cooking—Serving</p> <p>6:30 PM: Bells on High</p> <p>8:00 PM: Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM: Christian Believer Class – Library</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: <i>Worship in the Sanctuary</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: Sunday School</p> <p>4:00 PM: Angeli Choir</p> <p>5:00 PM: Youth Supporter's Dinner—Great Hall</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p> <p>*AFTER 10:00 AM WORSHIP—SET UP THE PATCH!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>No Junior Choir or Com. Church Chimers</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 AM: Tuesday Bible Study—Library</p> <p>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>11:30 PM: KSC—Jordan Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM: Stephen Ministry Training—Parlor</p> <p>7:30 PM: Patch Planning—Parlor</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast—Jordan Hall</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p> <p>6:00 PM: H2H—Leader Huddle—No Regular Class</p> <p>7:00 PM: Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Christian Believer Class—Library</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:45 AM: CBS—Lower Level</p> <p>12:00 PM – Christian Believer Class—Library</p> <p>1:30 PM: Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM: Bells on High</p> <p>8:00 PM: Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM: Christian Believer Class – Library</p> <p>9:00 AM: Pumpkins Arrive!</p> <p>11:00 AM: Patch Opens!</p>

<p>16</p> <p>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: <i>Worship in the Sanctuary</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: Sunday School</p> <p>4:00 PM: Angeli Choir</p> <p>6:00 PM: Youth Group</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p> <p>11:00 AM—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p> <p>2:00 PM: CROP WALK</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 AM: Bible Study—Library</p> <p>10:00 AM: CC News Deadline – November Issue</p> <p>4:00 PM: Junior Choir</p> <p>5:00 PM: Com. Church Chimers</p> <p>7:00 PM: Knit For Charity—Parlor</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>11:30 PM: KSC—Jordan Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Patch Planning—Parlor</p> <p>7:30 PM: Board Meeting—Jordan Hall</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast—Jordan Hall</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p> <p>6:00 PM: H2H—Jordan Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM: Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Christian Believer Class—Library</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:45 AM: CBS—Lower Level</p> <p>12:00 PM – Christian Believer Class—Library</p> <p>1:30 PM: Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM: Bells on High</p> <p>8:00 PM: Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM: Christian Believer Class – Library</p> <p>9:00 AM—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>
<p>23/30</p> <p>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday</p> <p>8:30 AM: <i>Worship in the Chapel</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: <i>Worship in the Sanctuary</i></p> <p>10:00 AM: Sunday School</p> <p>4:00 PM: Angeli Choir</p> <p>6:00 PM: Youth Group</p> <p>8:00 PM: Basketball</p> <p>11:00 AM—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p> <p>*ONE SERVICE ONLY ON 10/30 CONSECRATION SUNDAY AND NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>24/31</p> <p>10:00 AM: Bible Study—Library</p> <p>4:00 PM: Junior Choir (No rehearsal on 10/31)</p> <p>5:00 PM: Com. Church Chimers (No rehearsal on 10/31)</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:15 AM: Chair Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>11:30 PM: KSC—Jordan Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM: Stephen Ministry Meeting—Library</p> <p>7:30 PM: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM: Patch Planning—Parlor</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast—Jordan Hall</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p> <p>6:00 PM: H2H—Serve and Play in the Patch!</p> <p>7:00 PM: Yoga—Great Hall</p> <p>7:30 PM: Christian Believer Class—Library</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:45 AM: CBS—Lower Level</p> <p>12:00 PM – Christian Believer Class—Library</p> <p>1:30 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</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM: Women's AA Meeting—Parlor</p> <p>3:30—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM: Christian Believer Class – Library</p> <p>9:00 AM—7:30 PM: PATCH OPEN!</p>

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE BY ANITA RIFKIND



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit."

Psalm 147:3-5

The Hubble telescope has taught us so much about the universe that nearly everything we thought we knew based on a meager high school science class is pretty much an anachronism. The new information is on the scale of Galileo's announcement that the earth is not the center of the universe. The telescope has revealed a universe more complex, more diverse, and more vast than Galileo could have even imagined. The latest count is that there are 100,000,000,000 (100 billion) galaxies like the Milky Way, and in each of those galaxies there are 100,000,000,000 stars. That is more stars in the observable universe than there are grains of sand on all the beaches and in all the deserts on the entire planet Earth.

The Hubble telescope has also provided observational evidence of what has been called the "Big Bang" theory. The light collected from the farthest reaches of the universe originated at the very beginning of creation, which scientists now tell us was 13,750,000,000 years ago. But the observations, and therefore the evidence, is limited by both the strength of the telescope and the constant expansion of the universe. The current calculations are that the diameter of the universe is 45,700,000,000 light years. But there is another problem with trying to figure out the size of the universe. All of these calculations are based on the *observable universe*. Just like those who Galileo's announcements discredited, these observations are taken from the perspective of the earth being at the center of a huge sphere. Move to another point in the universe, and given the same equipment and the same kind of eyes, there would be another observable universe. As Wikipedia puts it, "Every location in the universe has its own observable universe **which may or may not overlap with the one centered on the earth.**" (Emphasis added.)

So it turns out that Galileo may have gotten it a bit wrong after all. When making observations on a universal scale, the earth is indeed at the center of everything because we humans have no other perspective from which to view the vastness of space and time.

But what of God's perspective? The Psalmist says that God knows every single star by name, billions and billions and billions of them. And he says that God's understanding has no limit; God is not constrained by the universe as we observe it.

Why then do we hesitate to seek God's wisdom? What stops us from turning our problems over to a God whose understanding is limitless? Perhaps it is the very vastness of God's creation, God's unfathomable power and limitless knowledge that deter us. We often feel that our concerns don't rise to a cosmic level, that God has more important business to be about. And anyway, we ought to be able to deal with these things ourselves, shouldn't we?

Not so much. In fact, it can be seen as a kind of faithlessness to not ask for what we need. Do we not believe Jesus' assurance that "the very hairs of (our) head(s) are numbered," and that we are worthy of God's attention? Maybe there are other reasons for not turning to God for help. Ego? Stubborn pride? Not such good excuses either.

It is something to think about while you are out counting the stars this evening. And if you decide you don't have a good excuse for not asking for some help, contact Pastor Brett (847-823-3164) or Ginny Feurer (847-299-1781). They can arrange for a Stephen Minister, who may not have a telescope, but who will have a special perspective on the observable universe and its Maker.

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 and then enjoy lunch with the living group of Kindred Spirits. We will be providing the following activities:

- 10/4 October Birthday Celebration
- 10/11 Yoga Presentation by Cindy Klimmeck
- 10/18 Bingo Fun
- 10/25 Halloween Party—so dress up and play games

KNIT FOR CHARITY

First and Third Mondays

10/3; 10/17; 11/7; 11/21; 12/5 — 7:00—9:00 pm in the Parlor

We continue to meet every first and third Monday of the month to Knit or Crochet for Charity. This is a combination event of doing some making at home and then gathering at church one night to work some more and look at our finished products. You can choose to knit up hats, scarf's, mittens or other items and you can use your own patterns and yarn or you can get kits of patterns and yarn from Liz Swanson. To date we have made 6 lap blankets and over a hundred, hats and scarves which have been given to the Night Ministry. If you have some extra yarn you aren't using and would like to make a donation to this cause or if you have any questions, just call Liz Swanson 847.698.9086.

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. Family members of those who will be honored will be receiving invitation in mid October to attend. If you do not receive such a letter but have someone you would like included in this service, please phone Liz Swanson. 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, the Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer and all are invited to attend.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

All-Congregation: Youth Supporters' Dinner

THAT MEANS YOU ARE ALL INVITED!

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Great Hall—5:00—7:00 pm

Thank you for supporting our youth in countless ways.

We invite you to a time of fellowship for us all and to celebrate the past year and look forward to what's to come.

Let us share with a slideshow presentation and hear the youth's own reflections about their experiences and gratitude.

A buffet dinner will be served.

There is no cost for the evening but please **RSVP** to the church office by Wednesday, October 5.
(office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org; 847.823.3164)

Consider reserving a table of 8 for you and your friends!

We welcome members and friends of PRCC as well as those who might like to become friends!

Peace and blessings to you all! See you there!



Circle 10 Presents...

“Spirit of Christmas” Boutique and Dinner

Save the date! Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Join us for an evening of holiday shopping with creative and unique vendors, dinner and a time to visit with friends.

More details coming soon...

For more information contact Donna Mundzic, 847-291-0891 or Jay Crowley, 847-309-2433

WELCOMING MR. LARRY ADAMS

We are pleased to welcome a new addition to our Chancel Choir soloists and section leaders. Mr. Larry Adams, baritone, is the husband of Jessye Wright. We are so thrilled to have you in our church family!

The singer-actor has performed many starring roles in musical theater productions throughout the Chicago-land area. He recently made his Lyric Opera of Chicago debut as Pritchitch in *Merry Widow*. A Jeff Award nominee, Larry is closely associated with a number of Chicago companies, some of which include: Drury Lane Oakbrook (11 roles to date, among them Ravenal/ *Show Boat*, Sky Masterson/ *Guys and Dolls*, and Che/ *Evita*); Light Opera Works (Fred Graham-Petruchio/ *Kiss Me, Kate*, Starbuck/ *110 in the Shade*, Emile de Becque/ *South Pacific*, Frederick/ *A Little Night Music*, and Danilo/ *The Merry Widow*); and Theater at the Center (7 roles, including Coach Harper/ *Knute Rockne: All-American*, Renato/ *Do I Hear a Waltz?*, Old Deuteronomy/ *Cats*, Georges/ *La Cage aux Folles*, and the title role/ *Phantom*, Jeff Award nomination). Adams has been directed numerous times by his colleague from Lyric's *Merry Widow*, Gary Griffin; these productions include *Passion* (Chicago Shakespeare Theater), and *Guys and Dolls* and *Evita* (Drury Lane Oakbrook). Adams appeared on Broadway and in the national tour of *Phantom of the Opera*.



CONTINUING TO PUT OUR FAITH TO WORK

In September we explored ways to put our faith to work at our Service Fair. About 20 different service and outreach groups inside and outside PRCC were represented at this gathering. It was a great way to explore and celebrate many of the ways our faith community lives out the teachings of Jesus.

As Christians we know our call is to act on our faith and Jesus reminds us that “whatever you do for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” At PRCC we seek to put our faith to work as we serve with love in many different ways: we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, nurse the sick, teach the young, and the list goes. Putting our faith to work is an essential expression of our faith and our gratitude to God for the blessings He has given us.

In this season of harvest and Thanksgiving we are reminded of our own abundance. We are a people blessed with more wealth and comfort than our brothers and sisters globally and certainly more than we can count or measure. Consider the riches you have in your life and the call to share those blessings in the same way you have been blessed. “For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

Our upcoming One Great Week of Service, 11/6 -11/12 will offer tangible ways to express appreciation for God’s blessings in our lives by blessing others. Each day of the week there will be opportunities to feed the hungry, encourage those serving our country, reach children, support workers globally and bring hope to the homeless and hopeless.

Attached is a schedule of all that will be going on that week. This is open to all people of all ages inside and outside PRCC. Please plan on participating in as much as you are able and invite your friends.

Come experience the joy and meaning of bringing our faith to life by putting our faith to work.

In Christ’s Service,

Liz Swanson

The Schedule as Follows:

GREAT WEEK OF SERVICE

11/6 through 11/13

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.

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| 11/6 Sunday— | Support the Food Pantry by bringing canned goods to worship
7:00 pm: Service of Remembrance |
| 11/7 Monday— | 7:00 pm: Homemade for Homeless |
| 11/8 Tuesday— | 10:15 am: Yoga
11:30 – 1:00 Kindred Spirits—volunteer to help set up; organize active ties; clean up |
| 11/9 Wednesday— | 6:00 pm: Cooking for LPS
7:00 pm: Yoga |
| 11/10 Thursday— | 6:00 pm – 9pm Serving at LPS |
| 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 Show in the Great Hall |

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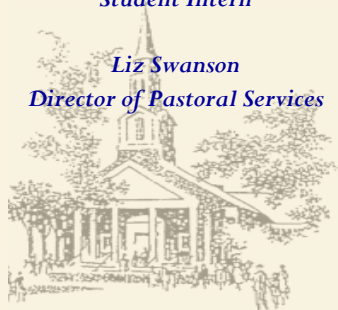
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The Turkeys Are Coming!

That's the M&M turkey favors that the Monday Morning Bible Study ladies are making for your Thanksgiving table.

Place your orders now by phone to Nancy Skoog (847-823-1478), by e-mail to Nancy Ady (ady315@aol.com), or by using the gold order forms available in the office and on the bulletin board.

Cost is \$1.25 each.

The turkeys will be available beginning November 6.