

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds:*



**Choosing  
Community**

*September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*8:30 and 10:00 am Service*

*Online and In Person*

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS:  
SPEAKING THE TRUTH  
SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY

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## WELCOME!

*We hope worship today nurtures your heart and transforms your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, knowing we are a work in progress. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.  
For if they fall, one will lift up the other.

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone?  
A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

Jesus gathered a band of followers: some fishermen, some tax collectors, some beggars...  
and He created community!

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

God gathers us together: diverse people of all sorts...and God creates community!

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God calls us to live according to rules and boundaries that build community.

**But sometimes we find it hard to remember what they are.**

God calls us to live in a way that builds caring and compassion in community.

**But greed and self-interest can get in the way, so we need to be reminded of the guidelines.**

God calls us to speak the truth in love,

**But too often we find ourselves speaking without a spirit of love or truth.**

God, when we forget the way, when we choose to ignore the rules and guidelines of being a covenant community.

**forgive us, lead us back to the Way of peace, justice, and truth.**

*A time of silent prayer*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's justice and mercy expand beyond our understanding.

God's abundant love brings forgiveness and a new start.

We are loved, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 4:15-16, 25, 29-32

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

## PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:1  
This is the Word of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**Building Up**

Rev. Carol Hill & Liz Swanson

## COMMISSIONING 2020 CLASS OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

### Vows of the Congregation

### Blessings of the Stephen Ministers

### Prayer of Dedication

God, we ask you to take the Stephen Ministers into your care. You have blessed them with particular gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about assisting and supporting your people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves with people. Give to us thankful hearts for them and show them in times of stress and in times of calm a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen

## OFFERTORY

## TIME OF REFLECTION

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God, we who have been given much, now share what we have with the world. We offer these gifts of time talent and treasure out of our desire to build a better community. May the offering of these gifts change us who give them. May the offering of these gifts change the world in which we live. We offer them in your name, God of our abundance. Amen.

### \*BENEDICTION

We have gathered as a community,  
**we have shared words about how we live in community.**  
We have gathered as a community,  
**we have learned, grown, served, and played together.**  
We go forth as a community,  
**Commissioned to share God's love and compassion with  
the wider communities where we live and work.**  
Go with God: Parent, Child, and Spirit. One God in Community!

*\*INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

**BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

*\*DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STAND AND SING ALOUD AS YOU ARE CALLED TO.*

### LEADING US IN WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Thank you to our Ushers: Cindy Kilimmeck, Paula Mack, Jan Steiner, George Skoog, and Sharon Kemerer

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## **MEET OUR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS!**

Stephen Ministry equips people to provide confidential, Christian care to individuals who are experiencing challenges in their lives. Could you benefit from confidential, one to one care and support of a Stephen Minister? If the answer is yes or if you need more information about Stephen Ministry please talk with a staff member or Stephen Leader, Ginny Feurer, Anita Rifkind, Peggy Fergus or Katie Reboletti.



### **Colleen Moriarty**

*Stephen Ministry means listening and allowing someone that is hurting to heal through God's grace. Everyone has been there at one time or another. I think right now, people need to be heard and to find peace more than ever. I feel so blessed to have been part of this Stephen Ministry group.*



### **Sarah Odeshoo**

*I became involved with Stephen Ministry because I want to help people when they are experiencing challenges in their life and need someone to provide them with Christian focused care, concern and support. Through compassionate listening and being there to comfort and support them, they will be better able to work through their difficulties.*



### **Carrie Plach**

*Becoming a Stephen Minister is very important to me. I'm very passionate in my love for Christ and excited to have gone through the Stephen Ministry training. I'm pleased to have the knowledge and skill necessary as I strive to help others. I look forward to listening and holding the hand of anyone in need.*



### **John Sasser**

*Several years ago, I experienced a difficult situation that left me with confusing and overwhelming emotions. I was able to connect with a Stephen Minister who listened and encouraged me as I worked through clarifying the emotions so I could see a path forward.*

*Now, with the training and the support of our Stephen Ministry team, I look forward to being able to support others as they cope with life's challenges.*



### **Naomi Siebert**

*I am so grateful to be a part of this ministry and to be able to walk alongside someone who is in need of love and support as they journey through life. I am humbled at this opportunity and blessed to be a part of this caring outreach.*



### **Karen Webster**

*Leaning on God, finding comfort in the Holy Spirit, has served me well as I faced life's curve balls. Becoming a Stephen's Minister is an opportunity to walk with another in their journey.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OCTOBER GARDEN SERVICES

We will be offering two outdoor services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am with livestreaming available. If you would like to join us in person, please visit the Sunday Worship page on our website to sign up.

<https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/sunday-worship>.

## DIY BIBLE STUDY

To accommodate a variety of schedules and our ever-changing realities, we will offer an all new form of Bible Study this year! DIY Bible Study will correspond with our preaching series. There will be a Study Guide available on our website <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/diybiblestudy> OR printed out for you (upon request).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM VIDEO DISCUSSION- September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Join us once again as we gather via zoom to discuss the undertaking of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in 1968 to explain racism to her students. There are two videos, "Eye of the Storm" and "Frontline – A Class Divided" that we will discuss. Both can be found on YouTube for free.

## COMING SOON FROM TH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

Unique, Colorful, Social Justice Lawn Signs

Featuring wording from Micah 6:8

**Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly.**



The colorful, double sided 24 x 18-inch signs come with a sturdy stand. They will be available soon at a suggested donation of \$15. If you would like to reserve a sign for your yard, please contact Luan Zoellner at [lzoellner@ameritech.net](mailto:lzoellner@ameritech.net).

## BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

Join Pastor Carol as we begin a 30-week journey through the scriptures using the Disciple Bible Study series. This series will begin on September 16 and conclude in the middle of May, covering Genesis through Revelation. We will meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Each participant should have a Study Manual. They are \$33 from the Church office, or you may order your own online. This manual and your Bible are the only items you'll need for this study. We will watch a brief video together each Wednesday and have discussion. There are daily assigned readings, but if you cannot complete the assignments, please come to class anyway!

# DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm, zoom option available. Please contact Shelley for details at [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

## SENIOR PALS

A new initiative to pair individuals in our congregation with a "Senior Pal" is beginning. Not only is this a way to ensure that regular contact with our seniors is maintained, but it is also a way to build a connection between people of different ages. Senior Pals connects people for a regular but safe social interaction and are being formed now. Senior Pals reach out to each other by phone, email, sending a note, marking special occasions or doing whatever works for the two of you. Senior Pals is an opportunity to build a relationship with someone to share and celebrate the wisdom of different generations. Being connected and engaged with each other is one of the many ways we share Christ's love. Consider sharing Christ's love as a Senior Pal.

If you would like to connect regularly with someone, please, call or email the church office or follow the link in CC News. If you need more information about this please connect with Kimberly Walters, Mike Proue or Liz Swanson.

## NEW MEMBER INFO SESSION

The Welcome/Membership Committee will be holding an online Information Meeting on **Monday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.** If you are interested in joining our PRCC family or finding out more information about our church, contact the church office, Pastor Carol, or one of us and we will provide you with the link!

## CROP WALK 2020

This year the Crop Walk will be held virtually on October 18th but we will still host fundraising events around town and would still greatly appreciate your support n our team page -

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil/Team/View/134903/ParkRidge-Community-Church>.

All of our fundraisers include dine in or carryout and will not require you to bring fliers.

Fundraisers:

September 24th - City BBQ (all day!)

October 7th - Graziano's (noon to 8 pm)

October 13th - Chipotle (4 pm to 8 pm)

## PUMPKIN PATCH IMPORTANT DATES

September 26th - Patch Set-Up at 9 am

October 10th - Unload Pumpkins at 9 am

October 11<sup>th</sup> - Wehman Band Concert in the Patch at 6:30 pm

Visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/pumpkin-patch> to sign up to volunteer!



# Cans of Care

## Wednesdays

1. Buy/Collect items to donate to Food Pantry
2. Locate closest PRCC Cans of Care Collection Point
3. Drop Items into Collection Bin

(Contact Church Office to arrange pick-up, if needed)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of community. No one is alone. God is with us, and we are supporting one another.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Heather Cannon, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>:

- Our hearts are full of celebration as Elizabeth Solomon and Jon Woo were married here yesterday!
- Happy Birthdays to Joe, Angie, Bob, Jeanne, Robin, Charlie, and Gale!
- Happy Anniversary to Kate and Brendan! They are celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary on Monday 9/21.
- We've been praying for Bernice's friend Christine, who is now home after 5 weeks. We rejoice for the healing that has transpired.
- Carol's Grandmother has made significant progress and was released from the hospital! Thank you for your prayers!
- Tricia let us know that her friend Kim, whom we have been praying for has responded so well to treatments her doctors consider her in remission. Kim is so appreciative of the prayers but please continue to hold Kim, her young daughters, husband and medical team in your prayers.
- Prayers for Ginny who fell yesterday and fractured her elbow.
- Prayers for Kay, who broke her hip and had surgery on Monday. Kay is 95, so healing can be slower.
- Prayers for Anita, whose foot surgery on Tuesday went well, and so begins the 6 weeks of healing.
- Prayers for Tom and Grace's son Evan, who continues to receive treatment for leukemia.
- Luan and Bill ask for prayers for their friend Warren whose recent surgery has exacerbated his dementia.
- The Born family asks for prayers for their neighbor Ed as he enters hospice care.
- Prayers for Jaclyn's friend who was just diagnosed with stage 3 brain cancer and has a 3-year-old son and is only 28 years old.
- Prayers for Teresa, whose grandfather entered life in the resurrection last week.
- Rachel asked for prayers for her and the Lapp family as they grieve the loss of her cousin Gus.
- Please hold the Monteleone family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Bill, Dee's husband.
- Prayers for Bertie, whose sister Erma entered life in the resurrection this week.