

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT



A Legacy of Faith

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2025 Annual Meeting Agenda



Call to Order

Convening Prayer

Appointment of the Parliamentarian

Declaration of a Quorum

Approval of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Reports of Officers and Committees

Financial Report

Trustees Report

Chair of the Congregation Report



Appreciation for Those Completing their Term

Elections of Officers

Appointment of Moderator

Nominating Committee Report

Award Presentations

Eric Nelson Scholarship

Second Mile Recognition

Team Talk/Q&A with Executive Committee

Motion to Adjourn

Concluding Prayer

Annual Meeting Minutes - May 5, 2024

The Annual Meeting was held in person.



Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Naomi Siebert, Chair of the Congregation, at 11:30 am Naomi welcomed members and non-members and requested that non-members refrain from voting.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Mollie led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Appointment of Parliamentarian:

Naomi appointed Tim Lapp as Parliamentarian for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Verification of Quorum:

Dan Smith, Vice-Chair of the Congregation, confirmed there were 89 members present in person. A quorum of at least 50 people was confirmed, thus allowing the Annual Meeting to proceed.

Approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the May 7, 2023 Annual Meeting were included in the 2024 Annual Report, which was available digitally or as a physical copy. Naomi requested a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Sarlo made a motion to approve the minutes. Fred Siebert second the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Chair of the Congregation Report

Naomi provided the Chair of the Congregation Report. Naomi started by saying this year PRCC shared God's love; as a congregation, we were intentional in stepping out in faith. The Board of Directors met in August 2023 and finalized 3 goals for the ministry year. The goals were: 1. Welcome - create a welcoming space; 2. Engage - onboard and deploy volunteers in meaningful ways; 3. Outreach - serve the needs of our neighbors. The goals allowed us to serve as a church body and take leaps of faith in all ministries for learning, growing, serving, and playing. There were many leaps of faith throughout the year, including the transition to Shelby, a new church management system. We formalized a relationship with Avalon Park Community Church and look forward to future shared ministry opportunities. Our stewardship campaign, "from gratitude to generosity" saw many opportunities to support PRCC with time, talents, and treasures; as well as pledge financial support to the general operating fund and 5 other ministry areas. The Structure Taskforce revised and updated the By-Laws to include a streamlined Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Ministry Council. The By-Laws were approved in January 2024.

Naomi offered thanks to Pastor Carol and Pastor Mollie and staff, thanks to Dan Smith, and thanks to the congregation for being part of the beloved church.

Dan Smith thanked Naomi for her dedication to Park Ridge Community Church during her time as Chair of the Congregation and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Finance Report

Naomi welcomed Anita Rifkind, current Treasurer, to provide the financial report. Anita referred everyone to the annual report for detailed information and the 2024 budget. The fall pledge campaign was a huge success; we are blessed with strong leadership and a growing and faithful congregation. In addition to supporting PRCC, we supported many other outreach opportunities. PRCC continues to benefit from careful stewardship thanks to the Endowment, Contingency and Capital Replacement Funds.

The transition between the old Shepherd Staff computer program and the new Shelby Church Management System was a large change this year. Overall the new system is much easier to manage and Anita thanked everyone for their patience during the transition.

New members and friends were supportive through pledges and allowed the finance team to respond to budget needs. However, the 2023 budget overestimated fundraising efforts. Expenses were higher than budgeted due to approved increases in responsibilities and hour changes for some key staff positions, as well as new programming and inflation. We ended the year with a slightly higher deficit but reserves were available to cover the difference.

The Board of Directors approved the 2024 Budget in February 2024 with an approximate \$50,000 deficit. The deficit might seem large; however, with additional fundraising and anticipated growth in the congregation, the amount is achievable. Based on the level of pledging, the budget allowed staff to receive increases to cover some of inflation. Conversations have already started regarding fundraising efforts and reviewing the 3 major funds referenced above and the Malinowski bequest. Additionally, a church audit will take place in May 2025. Anita concluded her report with gratitude and thanks to Erin Henke in the office for supporting the transition to Shelby and much more. She also expressed thanks to the church for their trust and support.

Naomi thanked Anita, Dan Smith and the Finance Committee for their guidance and leadership throughout the year. Naomi also recognized Tim Mauery, Stephanie Laginess, and Michael Maher as their time on the Finance Committee ends.

Trustee Report

Naomi welcomed Chris Chandler, Chair of the Board of Trustees, to give the trustee report. The role of the trustees is to keep the facilities safe, functional and presentable. Chris thanked the amazing group of trustees for their efforts and expressed thanks to Erin Henke for ensuring the coordination of schedules, payments, and much more. The 15 year capital plan allows the trustees to create a strategy to maintain the property. This includes onboarding and engaging the trustees and ensuring their strengths and talents are being utilized.

Some masonry and concrete repair projects have already been started this year. Additionally, a work order ticket system to collect maintenance issues, assign them, and track resolution is being developed. The trustees look forward to serving the congregation and the community this year.

Naomi thanked Chris and the entire trustee team for their dedication to keeping the church building and campus a beautiful landmark in the community.

Election of Officers

Naomi explained that our Church is congregationally led and reminded members that we elect church members to serve as officers of the Church and to serve on the board. Naomi welcomed Kyrie Nelson, Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee, to serve as Moderator for the presentation of the nominations. Kyrie started by mentioning the Annual Report Materials contain a listing with all individuals serving on committees and teams within our church. Kyrie then read the names of the nominated slate requiring congregational support. Kyrie called for a nomination from the floor for an open position to serve as a Deacon. Angie Weber nominated John Weber. John Weber accepted the nomination. Kyrie called for a vote of the presented slate. There was a majority vote for the slate as presented. There was one vote against the slate as presented. A majority ballot was cast for the slate as presented.

Naomi thanked everyone on the slate for taking on responsibilities in life and ministry at PRCC. Naomi recognized the Nominating Committee for their work and care in filling the leadership roles. Transition of roles will take place at the next board meeting on May 20, 2024. There will be a celebration of former leaders and commissioning of incoming leaders on Sunday, May 12, 2024.

Eric Nelson Scholarship Award

Naomi welcomed Pastor Mollie to present the Eric Nelson Scholarship Award. The 2024 Eric Nelson Scholarship Award was presented to Lydia Zweifel. Lydia is an active and compassionate presence at PRCC. Lydia has served on many mission trip teams, volunteered during many PRCC events, and participates in the Angeli Choir. Lydia is a volunteer for Camp Luther and is very active in class council and theater at Maine South. During Covid, Lydia facilitated a food drive inspired her confirmation class to support, and ultimately raised 800+ meals for those in need. Lydia will study Journalism at the University of Missouri in the fall. Congratulations to Lydia!

Second Mile Award

Naomi welcomed Pastor Carol to present the Second Mile Award. The 2024 Second Mile Award was presented to Lonn Naudzius and Colleen Moriarty. These two are constantly working behind the scenes, using their skills and talents to go above and beyond for the life of our congregation. They share their hearts and faith in all they do and exemplify the spirit of giving; whether that is repairing boiler parts, taking a welding class, participating in mission trips, running the pumpkin patch, or serving as a Stephen Minister or Deacon, and always being willing to lend a helping hand. The congregation is grateful for their service and care for the PRCC community. Congratulations to Lonn and Colleen!

Adjournment

Naomi encouraged everyone to read through the detailed reports in the Annual Report Materials. Naomi thanked the PRCC staff, Board of Directors, and congregation members for giving their time and talents to the church.

Naomi requested a motion to adjourn. Charlie Giera made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dick Collentine. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Carol closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Joyce - Clerk

Senior Minister Report

*Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise person who built their house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock.
Matthew 7:24-25*

This past year of ministry has been a year of shoring up the foundation. We described it thematically as “Knowing, Telling, Celebrating Our Story,” and we have done so much over the last year to clarify who we are, celebrate all that God has done, and prepare the way for future generations. The foundation strengthening is sometimes less visible and less obvious to the casual observer. So, please allow me to highlight a few accomplishments that I believe are crucial for our future. In addition to the below, we have worshiped, played, prayed, laughed, visited, and genuinely loved over this past year!

- **Trustees:** The Trusty Trustees have done incredible work in caring for our facility, repairing and maintaining, forecasting future needs, and prioritizing projects for immediate investment that will benefit our congregation for generations to come. A few examples of this are (1) designing a fire and alarm system to install throughout the facility and pivoting as additional hurdles arose; (2) investigating options to install air conditioning in zones; (3) going through the insurance process to replace the roof, gutters, flashing and downspouts; and (4) crafting a time-sensitive document for anticipated expenses in the years to come which allows better budgeting and financial planning. This is all in addition to the regular day to day care for our facilities and property!
- **Finance:** Our Incredible Finance Team has drafted new financial policies and prepared for the first full financial audit in a long time to be completed. They have streamlined the receipts, deposits, and reporting processes using our church management system and have launched a Fundraising Taskforce to provide some expertise in guiding our fundraising philosophy at PRCC. We hosted a Mardi Gras benefit night, which raised over \$40,000, which is our largest fundraising event in history. Our Stewardship campaign was similarly successful, inspiring generosity with specific needs linked to ministry goals.
- **Education:** We have offered several educational opportunities for our congregation over the past year, including bringing in guest speakers like Dr. Daniel Horan, Rev. Bromleigh McCleneghan (next week), Mental Wellness professionals like Dr. Gregory Sarlo and Rachel Lapp, as well as offering classes like Christian History and Saving Jesus, which have gone deep into theological understandings of where the Christian faith has been and where it's headed.
- **Community:** This year has seen increased community engagement, from hosting the first-ever Pride in Park Ridge event last June, to Action Ridge holding candidate forums, hosting a community-wide forum on Immigration, welcoming in Police and 9/11 Memorial services when they've been rained out, and being a part of the Christmas Stroll Through Park Ridge. These events brought community members into our space for meaningful engagement. I continue to serve as a Police Chaplain, with our Ministerial Association, and on the Lutheran General Hospital Board.

- **Administration:** Our Board has approved Charters for all the ministry areas, continued to strengthen the By-laws, and is currently editing a Policy and Procedures Manual which will detail much of how we agree we operate financially, staffing wise, safety protocols, and more. We also updated Pastor Mollie's and my Call Letters, which outline the expectations of clergy and the church in our ongoing relationships. The Executive Committee studied standard compensation packages offered throughout the UCC to be sure we are being good stewards and fair to our pastoral leadership. This was a big lift and so important as we look at the future together. I also celebrate that Pastor Mollie was able to have a month of much needed sabbatical to rejuvenate and rest prior to her ordination! We transitioned Parish Coordinators twice, which was a challenge, and I am so thankful for the ways volunteers, staff, the SPRC and Executive Committee worked together to ensure our ministry needs were covered.
- **Outreach:** We have continued to find meaningful ways to reach out to those in need, recognizing that we need to be intentional about how to make the most impact to those groups and people with whom we partner. We continue our partnership with Avalon Park Community Church, delivering 12 computers, a printer, and storage cabinet to launch their community computer lab. We also delivered toys at Christmas for children in need. Rev. Mark Barclay led our Men's Retreat, offering a new perspective to our men about faith in today's world. Our Outreach Committee continues to give our church opportunities to feed the hungry and respond to disasters near and far. From the Medical Lending Closet serving neighbors, to Loving Lunches serving the unhoused, to a meal at Lincoln Park, donations for the Night Ministry, serving at Sunday Night Suppers, and having a large crew at Feed My Starving Children...there are so many ways everyone has been involved in helping others.
- **Angel Fund:** I have been able to support members of our congregation and our community who find themselves in a bind. The help is offered confidentially with no strings attached, and those individuals have been overwhelmed with gratitude that a church would be so kind and supportive.

I look forward to building on the foundation that has been laid and watching the momentum build, as we complete some of the building and infrastructure work. I believe that God has enabled this foundation for the work and ministry that is to come. I am so grateful to serve among you and continue to learn from you all! Here are a few numbers from the last year as well!

Blessed by you,

Pastor Carol
Senior Minister



Associate Minister Report



It is an absolute privilege to serve as the Associate Minister at PRCC. I continue to be amazed at the creativity and faith shown by all youth, volunteers, and the staff to best serve our congregation and community. Some of our highlights throughout the year include growth in youth participation, connecting with PRCC committees/teams such as Outreach, Kindred Spirits, and Fellowship, two youth mission trips, Fall Youth Retreat, Confirmation Class, Junior Youth, Wacky Wednesday, and continued goal setting with the Youth Committee! Whew!!! What a year!

On Sunday, April 27 we confirmed 8 youth and 6 youth completed their first year of Confirmation Class! It is our goal for confirmation students to elevate familiar Christian concepts into personal understanding and develop an ownership and commitment to grow in faith as a Member of Park Ridge Community Church. Congratulations to Leah, Max, Luke, Drake, Elsie, Bria, Campbell, Mariela, and Oliver! And a special THANK YOU to the adults who have mentored and walked alongside and enriched this experience for these incredible youth: Siri Nelson, Jim Pantazi, Sandy Bowen, Rick Benedetto, Fred Siebert, Julie Bruno, and Pastor Carol!

The summer of 2024, we participated in two mission trips. Thirty-eight youth and twelve adults participated in a week of service in the Bahamas in partnership with Praying Pelican! This was the first International Trip in quite some time! Twelve youth and five adults participated in a three day service trip to Madison, Wisconsin. We celebrate the upcoming excitement surrounding the 2025 trips to the Lake Traverse Native American Reservation in Sisseton, South Dakota (50 participants) and the Boundary Waters (20 participants)!

A special shout out to the Youth Committee members, under the direction of Andrea Goodwin, as they have discerned how we can provide meaningful experiences to the youth for the years ahead while aligning with the goals set from the Board of Directors. Wacky Wednesday continues to be a huge outreach for the youth of Park Ridge as they are released early on Wednesdays! We average 26 youth—some are known to PRCC folks and some are friends of our youth!

Youth Ministry at PRCC also includes:

- Weekly Sunday Youth Group
- Weekly Sunday School
- Fall Youth Retreat (32 in attendance!)
- Monthly Confirmation Class

I continue to work with the Outreach, Faith Development, and Fellowship Teams to best provide opportunities for our folks to be engaged in meaningful service and faith education! One of the greatest gifts of PRCC is being a multigenerational congregation! We are intentional about finding ways for our youth to connect with all ages—whether with Kindred Spirits or helping with VBS and Sunday School!

I celebrate that on March 9th, I was ordained in the United Church of Christ, surrounded and supported by all of you at PRCC! Being ordained will be one of the greatest honors of my life--and to have the service at PRCC, with all of you, increases the honor even more! I was overwhelmed to stand, see, and feel your love and support! I am eager to continue the great work together that God has before us. THANK YOU for your prayers, support, and love along this incredible journey!

I am thankful to be surrounded by huge hearts that want to help in nurturing our youth! Thank you to all who volunteer by serving and caring for our youth! Thank you to the Trustees for all the continued care you provide to the Carriage House! I am grateful to live in such a beautiful home that you have cared deeply for over the years. I look forward to serving together and joining in the amazing work that God is doing and will continue to do!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Mollie

Associate Minister

Chair of the Congregation Report



It is with great joy and thankfulness that I share this annual report with you. This past year has been amazing with growth, heartfelt worship, and the bettering of God's world through PRCC. Our faith continues to drive us forward to be the church in Park Ridge that will serve those in need and those who deserve justice for years to come.

As we have shared through the year, the Board of Directors began goal setting in May 2024 by dreaming of what our church will look like in 100 years. As a result of that vision, we worked backwards to create annual goals that will continue to build on the efforts of the past to bring us into the future. For this year, the Church Goals were:

1. Activate our Church Body by increasing Engagement, Participation, and Leadership
2. Enrich our Identity Internally and Externally
3. Build Financial Vitality

To achieve these broad goals, the BOD created smaller goals so we could measure progress. The BOD goals and steps taken include:

1. Adopt Fundraising Strategy and Structure
 - Establish Fundraising Team
 - Conduct a financial audit
 - Hold educational session on financial status and estate giving
2. Deepen Cross Board Awareness
 - Review and Refine Committee and Team Charters
 - Orientation and Organization of Committees and Teams
 - Re-covenant BOD
3. Evaluate and Strengthen Communication
 - Shared Treasurer's Report
 - Quarterly Leadership Team Talks
4. Live into the By-Laws
5. Organize PRCC Policy Book
 - Work with Teams and Committees to begin creating a policy book

At our monthly BOD meetings, we reviewed our progress and by doing so, made strides towards achieving our set goals. There is always work to be done, and we will use our lessons learned from this year as we build our goals next year. But organizationally speaking, it was a highly successful year!

We are called to live with hearts of thankfulness, and I'd like to acknowledge the gifts we all share being connected as God's community church.

I am so thankful for the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Team leaders for faithfully leading this church. We are so blessed to have a group of volunteer leaders that build and achieve goals that ensure that all our church needs are cared for. I am always awed and inspired when I see those around us giving, sharing, and working to make PRCC the church we are.

I am so thankful for our amazing staff that is ensuring our growth in listening, serving, and living our faith. We are so fortunate to have Pastors with hearts, words, and lessons that bring us all back every week and bring in those looking for a place to connect to God. Thank you for serving us and thank you for teaching us! The rest of our staff gives tirelessly and helps deliver the heart of who we are, and we could not do it without your loving care.

Lastly, I am so thankful for all of you who show up in any way to support PRCC. Being in church, coming to events, getting involved in a committee, cleaning up around church, helping Outreach serve our world, singing in the choir, and the countless ways you connect, thank you for being here. It takes all of us in the myriads of ways we connect to make this community. Each connection is a gift from God, and we are so thankful for you!

In closing, it fills my heart to be the Chair of this congregation and to serve alongside each of you. I am excited to see what this next year will bring PRCC and our world and how we will respond to God calling us. For those that have heard me talk over the years, I know there are so many BIG THINGS coming for our church, we must work together to listen to where God is leading us!

Thank you, and God bless,

Dan Smith

Chair of the Congregation

Finance Committee Report



The Finance Committee responsibilities in 2024 included participating in the annual pledge drive, creating and finalizing the 2025 budget, securing Board of Directors approval of the budget, and overseeing on a monthly basis the financial performance and on-going needs of the Church. Another major mission of the Finance Committee is to work with the Trustees to support the projected capital needs, both long and short term. Those are the duties and responsibilities that are generally unchanged over time.

The Committee's goals for 2024 included better communication of Finance Committee activities with the congregation. A significant part of that effort has been the development of a "Finance Policy and Procedures" document. That document is nearing completion and is available for review by any interested party. Also, the PRCC News now includes a monthly column written by either the Treasurer or the Receipts Treasurer. Regular invitations are made to the congregation to discuss church finances with the Vice-Chair or either Treasurer.

The biggest goal for 2024 was the development of a Fundraising Task Force (FTF.) The Board of Directors approved the charter of the task force last fall. At the request of the taskforce, the Board of Directors has approved a policy for the use and allocation of estate gifts that are undesignated when received. One of the early goals of this group was to limit the number of fundraising "events" to avoid constantly asking for donations. This years' one-time large fundraiser was the inaugural Mardi Gras Benefit which was a huge success thanks to all of you. The event raised approximately \$47,000!

The FTF is in the process of developing a draft 4-year fundraising strategy; more on this will soon follow. Among the goals will be to grow both the Endowment Trust and Contingency funds. A brochure providing information on how to effectively and easily make such gifts to PRCC is being developed. This team has already begun the process of limiting the number of large fund-raising efforts being held during any given year. Finally, in conjunction with the Fund Managers, the task force has scheduled a seminar for May 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm with our investment counselors at Northern Trust and with Tim Lapp to talk about estate planning, including the mechanisms for growing, maintaining, and implementing the processes to do so.

By any measure, 2024 was a very successful year. Pledge and "Leap of Faith" commitments totalling \$523,700 were fulfilled. And for 2025, we received 117 pledges for a total of \$555,000 – a 6% increase over the previous year. Staff and Committee Heads were diligent in overseeing their budgets. The projected 2024 budget deficit was reduced from \$50,000 to under \$15,000, primarily by cost savings in personnel expenses, and generous giving over and above pledges, and other gifts.

Performance for the funds in 2024 are listed in the table below. The table below shows each funds' balance as of March 31, 2025 and the balance at year end 2024. Recent market volatility has negatively impacted our account balances. The PRCC Fund Managers continue to conservatively invest the church funds in a way that aligns with our risk tolerance.

	<u>3/31/25</u>	<u>12/31/24</u>	<u>2024 Return</u>
Endowment Trust	\$533,611	\$520,356	10.14%
Contingency Fund	\$214,845	\$213,216	6.46%
Capital Replacement	\$78,274	\$77,233	5.73%

A summary of the 2025 approved budget follows this report. A detailed copy is available on the church Google drive, or from Dan, Colleen, or Anita. It was approved by the Board of Directors in February with a small deficit, which will be erased with the proceeds of the Mardi Gras fundraiser.

Given the continued growth of the congregation and the generosity and dedication of our existing members to their commitments, PRCC will end 2025 with a balanced budget. I do not think it an exaggeration to say that this will be the first time in recent memory that a balanced budget will have occurred without a large influx in funds from either the sale of property, or other significant gifts.

Please let any of us, or anyone on the Finance Committee, know if you have any questions concerning these activities or the financial position of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moriarty

Vice-Chair of the Congregation & Finance Committee Chair

Scott Hollingsworth

Fund Manager

Anita Rifkind

Treasurer

Laura Lapp

Receipts Treasurer

2025 Budget

Park Ridge Community Church Approved 2025 Budget

<u>Account # Description</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Department: 1 General Income	
TOTAL PLEDGES	\$555,000.00
OFFERINGS	\$27,700.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$40,950.00
MISC INCOME	\$13,313.00
TOTAL GENERAL INCOME	\$636,963.00
Department: 2 Music Ministry	
MUSIC MINISTRY INCOME	\$2,500.00
MUSIC MINISTRY EXPENSES	<u>\$54,800.00</u>
MUSIC MINISTRY NET	(\$52,300.00)
Department: 3 Youth Ministry	
YOUTH MINISTRY INCOME	\$2,000.00
YOUTH MINISTRY EXPENSES	<u>\$14,800.00</u>
YOUTH MINISTRY NET	(\$12,800.00)
Department: 4 Christian Ed	
CHRISTIAN ED INCOME	\$400.00
CHRISTIAN ED EXPENSES	<u>\$2,300.00</u>
CHRISTIAN ED NET	(\$1,900.00)
Department: 5 Children's Ministry	
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INCOME	\$1,050.00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EXPENSES	\$6,500.00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NET	(\$5,450.00)
Department: 6 Pastoral Services	
PASTORAL SERVICES INCOME	\$2,500.00
PASTORAL SERVICES EXPENSES	\$8,825.00
PASTORAL SERVICES NET	(\$6,325.00)

Department: 7 Christian Outreach

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH INCOME	\$1,500.00
CHRISTIAN OUTREACH EXPENSES	\$6,500.00
CHRISTIAN OUTREACH NET	(\$5,000.00)

Department: 8 General Ministry

GENERAL MINISTRY INCOME	\$13,750.00
GENERAL MINISTRY EXPENSES	<u>\$19,350.00</u>
GENERAL MINISTRY EXPENSES	(\$5,600.00)

Department: 9 Professional Expenses

PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES NET	(\$404,201.00)
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Department: 10 Worship

WORSHIP INCOME	\$2,500.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	<u>\$13,750.00</u>
WORSHIP NET	(\$11,250.00)

Department: 11 Property Operations

TOTAL PROPERTY	\$94,450.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	<u>\$38,350.00</u>
PROPERTY OPERATIONS NET	(\$132,800.00)

Department: 12 Office Operations

OFFICE OPERATIONS NET	(\$47,200.00)
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NET EXPENSES	(\$684,826.00)
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Department: 13 Fundraisers

FUNDRAISER INCOME	\$55,000.00
FUNDRAISER EXPENSES	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
FUNDRAISER NET	\$35,000.00

GENERAL NET INCOME	(\$12,863.00)
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Arts & Decor Report



The function and aesthetics of the spaces at PRCC is ongoing.

As in the past, all items purchased were obtained from local resale shops who's proceeds benefit different area charities. The repurposed items also contribute to less waste. The use of the word "new" in this report refers to the fact that they are new to us.

Many items throughout the church were eliminated or added. The bathrooms all have new pictures. Two of the older pictures were sold. A new metal piece was added above the kitchen service window. As well as metal art by the coffee pots. Metal art was also added in the library.

Several new pictures were added in the Parlor along with another end table, a decorative bowl, a clock and a lamp. A new bench for the women's bathroom was added. Planters and greenery were also added throughout the building.

A metal and wood piece was put on the wall to the entrance to the elevator as well as two new pictures within the elevator hall. Two new chairs replaced two chairs that were outside Pastor Mollie's office.

Meg Ulery and I moved the archives from Pastor Mollie's office to the work room. An organization of those archives is needed.

Thank you to Jamie Knoblauch for seasonal decor and the Alter Guild for the Sanctuary Care and decor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylynn Collentine

Chair of Arts & Decor

Children's Ministry Report



We have had an amazing year and we sincerely thank the incredible children, teachers, musicians, and parent volunteers whose dedication has made the 2024-2025 year a meaningful journey of spiritual growth. Throughout the year, our collective efforts have strengthened our Sunday School programs, creating a deeply enriching experience for every child in the PRCC community.

Nursery: We remain dedicated to offering professionally staffed, background-checked childcare services every Sunday morning throughout the year, available during both our 8:30 and 10:00 am services.

Sunday School Attendance: Sunday school enrollment (nursery – 5th grade) has averaged about 18-22 per week. New visitors have been coming and returning consistently. We have 44 active participants.

Sunday School Curriculum: We are continuing to use curriculum from Sparkhouse Digital. Our preschool-5th graders are following the Spark Classroom model and are enjoying meeting in grade level groups to engage in the Bible stories and curriculum. This program provides engaging and meaningful lessons for the children. Additionally, we supplemented the core curriculum with spiritual growth opportunities for deepening the children's understanding of Advent and Lent.

Sunday School Music: Andrew and Angie Weber continue to guide children from preschool to fifth grade in music sessions every Sunday before classroom activities commence. Children showcase their talents in worship approximately four times a year, participating in traditional events such as the Christmas Pageant, Palm Sunday, Consecration Sunday, and the Annual Meeting

Summer Sunday School: We will continue to offer in-worship activities for children to enjoy during services throughout the summer, allowing families to participate in worship together in a meaningful way. Additionally, we are planning additional opportunities for engagement and fellowship, featuring a mix of social and outreach activities throughout the season.

Vacation Bible School: Last year's Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success, bringing together people from all generations across our congregation. Children explored their faith through the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss, making learning about God both fun and engaging! At the same time, Sue Laurie led a special summer session of My Bible. With over 60 participants altogether, VBS was a vibrant and meaningful experience for all involved.

This year, we're excited to continue the tradition! Vacation Bible School will take place June 16-19 from 5:00–7:00 pm, with the theme Road Trip: On the Go with God! We look forward to another wonderful adventure in faith and fellowship!

Family Camp: We have established a rotating schedule for Family Camp, with Family Camp returning this summer after a break in 2024. Everyone is invited to join us at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, Michigan, on August 23-24 for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and outdoor fun. We can't wait to share this special time together!

Fellowship: We believe it's essential for our children to learn, play, serve, and grow together! This year, they had wonderful opportunities to do just that—sharing joy and laughter at Trunk or Treat, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny, the Advent Festival, and the School's Out Carnival.

We're excited to bring back the School's Out Carnival on May 18th! It will be a fantastic day filled with fun, fellowship, and celebration for all.

Outreach Projects: At the core of our Children's Ministry is a deep commitment to instilling a heart for outreach from a young age. We are continually inspired by the enthusiasm children show in helping others and are dedicated to nurturing this spirit of compassion in every young member of our community.

- In October, we purchased and decorated mini pumpkins, which were delivered by Senior Contact to PRCC's homebound senior members, spreading warmth and joy.
- For this year's CROP Walk, the children participated in a noisy collection during worship, gathering coins to support the cause.
- During the Advent Festival, we shared the spirit of Christmas by singing carols for the seniors at The Summit, bringing joy to both the residents and our community.
- In February, a group of 50 volunteers served at Feed My Starving Children, making a meaningful impact.
- Our Sunday School children made Valentine's Day cards, which were delivered by Senior Contact to PRCC's homebound members, sharing love and kindness.
- The children made cards and sent well wishes to mission trip participants.

Christmas Pageant: Last year, we were captivated by a truly remarkable Christmas Pageant, with children showcasing their talents in two unforgettable performances—one for the Park Ridge Stroll and another for the traditional worship service. Additionally, we brought the story to life with a Living Nativity during the Christmas Eve family service. Thanks to Ann Swindell’s beautifully handcrafted costumes, the dedicated musical direction of Angie and Andrew Weber, and Sasha Gerritson’s expert production oversight, we were fortunate to host such a spectacular celebration at PRCC. The excitement is building as we look forward to another memorable performance this year!

My Bible Class: Students in third grade and beyond learned how to use their Bibles effectively and were joyfully presented with their own copies during a special church service. Sue Laurie enthusiastically led this group of seven, guiding them through the meaningful process.

Children’s Ministry Team: Our passionate Children’s Ministry team meets quarterly to plan upcoming events and create engaging Sunday School curriculum. Through collaborative discussions, creative brainstorming, and strategic coordination, we ensure every aspect of our ministry is thoughtfully designed to support the spiritual growth and development of the children at PRCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Tone

Director of Children’s Ministries

Christian Outreach Committee Report



The Christian Outreach Committee consists of 18 members of PRCC who are dedicated to reaching out in faith and joining in loving service with others. We do this mainly through our partners, including Lincoln Park Community Services, Park Ridge Sunday Night Suppers, Loving Lunches, PRCC Outdoor Food Pantry, Ronald MacDonald House, the Chicago Night Ministry, Exodus, PADS/Journeys, Maine Township Food Pantry and support to Avalon Park.

Lincoln Park Community Services provides housing for homeless men and women as well as services to empower them to become independent members of the community. On the first Thursday of the month, team leader Luan Zoellner and dedicated members of our faith community provide hot meals to the residents of the shelter. Meals are prepared at Church on that Thursday and driven down in the early afternoon.

Loving Lunches (LL) is a non-profit organization located in Des Plaines that prepares 320 bagged lunches every week for those suffering from food insecurity. Since 2022 PRCC has committed to supporting Loving Lunches by sponsoring one meal a month, which is scheduled for the second Sunday each month during coffee hour. This wonderful outreach opportunity has engaged more than 120 people, volunteering 500+ hours, and making close to 2000 lunches. The impact of this ministry is great; not only feeding its recipients, but the hearts of PRCC volunteers and ministries serving like Sunday School, Youth Group, and Kindred Spirits; all of which have supported the monthly packing days by purchasing needed supplies, making kindness cards and assembling lunches. All these donations of time, talent and treasure are greatly appreciated and make a real difference in the lives of those in need of a meal. And, thank you to Paula Mack and Laura Lapp for leading this effort!

Sunday Night Suppers are coordinated through the Park Ridge Ministerial Association and offered to anyone from the surrounding area in need of a healthy, hot meal. Local churches and organizations volunteer to prepare and serve meals for approximately 80-100 guests. PRCC provided and served meals three times this year. Led by Cheryl DeYoung, PRCC volunteers prepared, cooked and served meals on our assigned dates of October 2024 and in January and May 2025. Meals are prepared in the PRCC kitchen usually by 4-5 people, transported to Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, the current host location, and served to guests by 12 volunteers. Servers are also responsible for setup and cleanup at the Presbyterian Church. Anyone over the age of 13 may help, and we had several families and groups that volunteered this year.

We provided funds to assist in the stocking of the **PRCC Community Food Pantry** located on the lawn near the Butler Place entrance. And we are grateful for the non-perishable food donations that continue to come in to replenish this pantry and to support **Maine Township Food Pantry**. We have successfully stocked both pantries by collecting food during worship on the first Sunday each month. A local Brownie troop has continued to help supply the Butler Place pantry. As a special mission, we started 2025 with a Super Bowl food drive. Our "100 yards of Food" challenge was a big hit in the fight against hunger. A heartwarming and generous response by our congregation helped many Maine Township families in need.

The Ronald McDonald House at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is a new project this year for our Committee. It supports families while their children are being treated in the hospital, and our budget supports meals three times per year.

The catered lunch is provided by our team, delivered, set up and served to families, allowing them to eat together without the stress or expense of eating out.

The Exodus World Service mission is to mobilize the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees. PRCC continues to support Exodus flexibly as needs grow and change. Groups of volunteers have responded with time and energy to set up apartments for arriving refugees and create lasting friendships in New Neighbor programs to meet weekly for 3 months with newly arrived families. This Spring, we collected emergency household essentials for refugees currently in our community. On April 3, 2025, a large group represented PRCC at the Exodus Celebration Event at Drury Lane in Oakbrook to learn more and support the important work the organization is doing. Paula Mack and Laura Lapp remain our dedicated leaders to outreach efforts.

The Night Ministry is a clothing rescue organization providing those in need with clothing and boots. To help in this effort, we held a winter coat/boot drive. Kathy and Marc Erlandson organized and made deliveries of these winter essentials to the Chicago drop off location.

Giving Tree- Over the Christmas holiday, we partnered with the **Avalon Park Community** to provide gifts for kids. Over 100 gift tags with specific kid/teen wishes were hung on our Outreach Christmas tree, and an outpouring of gifts appeared, culminating with delivery just in time for Christmas. Thank you to Pastor Mollie for her work organizing the detailed lists and additional shopping to perfectly fulfill each gift request. Outreach and Youth Committee funds were utilized to supplement gift needs.

We partnered with **JOURNEYS the Road Home**, a Palatine organization, to provide 2 meals for 35 guests at one of their church PADS sites, St. Mark Lutheran Church in Mt. Prospect. JOURNEYS provides both shelter and social services to the homeless and at-risk, serving nearly 900 clients in the past year. From February thru April we collected 1-2 person tents to be distributed by Journeys for Spring/Summer shelter needs. We are grateful to team leaders Marylynn Collentine and Laura Lapp who coordinate our efforts with this local charity.

Other PRCC Outreach Activities

Cindy Klimmeck's **Community Karma Yoga** program raises funds through yogi donations, distributed to recipients chosen by participants with 15% of the money designated for PRCC. Yogis meet Monday evenings at 7 pm in the Great Hall. A generous \$1,700 donation to Outreach funding was made in Fall 2024.

Our Christian Outreach Committee contributed \$1,000 toward the **2025 UCC Great Hour of Sharing**, and provided resources and information to congregants wishing to participate.

We also supported **Sarah's Circle** with \$300, a Chicago program whose primary goal is to end homelessness for women in Chicago. Tricia Williams provides on-going information on fundraising opportunities and needs.

It is nothing short of inspirational and rewarding to work with the energetic, passionate members of this team. We hope to add more members and outreach projects in the coming year. All volunteers are welcome to share God's love and grace with those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Knoblauch

Chair of the Christian Outreach Committee

CROP Walk Report

Park Ridge Ministerial Association's CROP Walk – is an annual event in cooperation with the Park Ridge Ministerial Association and Church World Service to raise awareness and support of those throughout the world facing hunger. Once again our team was named The Bill Zoellner Memorial Crop Walk Team from Park Ridge Community Church. We joined other Park Ridge churches as we walked from First United Church for our Walk. PRCC had 62 walkers and 2 volunteers; we raised \$10,727.35. As a community we had 212 walkers and 11 volunteers raising \$31,1280.01 which ranked us in the top ten Walks in Illinois. Over \$7,000 was contributed to the Maine Township Food Pantry from the Walk. Sandy Bowen helped to organize and inspire PRCC efforts for this local project with global reach. As an acknowledgment of our involvement in the local Walk and funds raised over the years, Church World Service presented us with a Legacy Award plaque at a September worship service. Our congregation should be very proud of this acknowledgement.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bowen

Crop Walk Coordinator

Deacon Report

The Deacons Team is made up of 24 members of Park Ridge Community Church. They have the primary task of assisting the ministers with the serving of Communion to the congregation through Intinction or Distribution in the Pews. It is prepared and served on the first Sunday of every month at both services. It was with great joy that Communion was prepared for Pastor Mollie's Ordination. The Deacons will complete any other tasks that the ministers assign to them. Deacons happily assist in Baptisms, host a few Coffee Hours, serve the Deacon Dogs lunch on Rally Day, help out with the Easter Breakfast and host the Confirmand Breakfast. Last year we began to put up and take down the Sanctuary Christmas decorations in coordination with the Altar Guild. Many Deacons are members of other committees, teams and task forces that serve not only our church members, but also our community and outreach efforts.

We say a huge Thank You to the members of the team who have completed their terms after contributing so much to our church. We are excited to welcome the appointed incoming members to the Deacon Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Siri Nelson & Kathy Logan

Deacon Co-Chairs

Faith Development Committee Report



Faithfulness abounds. As Christians, we have joys and concerns. We are faithfully and sometimes painfully aware of many people and situations that deserve our attention. Pastors, staff, and volunteer lay members have offered God's love and grace. Preaching offers lessons and challenges to create our best witness... and at PRCC there is deep respect for all the "hearers of the Word" in the pews.

This year our committee responded to our new structure and by-laws by developing our Charter description, clarifying our Scope of Responsibility, and setting goals with tasks. Primary for our Committee is concern for meeting educational needs and opportunities for spiritual growth of all age groups in the congregation. We have budget responsibilities and appreciate the staff for the bulk of this work. We did encourage some expansion in budget categories toward new education.

We participate in the Ministry Council which invites the integration of activities deemed "educational" or "missional outreach" with planning of vision and calendar.

Lay people join with staff to teach at every age level which enriches the experience. When the Adult Bible Study is facilitated by students – our diversity of background and faith is revealed and it becomes lively - we are surprised by the wide wisdom in the room.

The power of prayer runs deep in our congregation. At meetings, regardless of the agenda, our folks are concerned and caring for so many others. The prayers create a rhythm of checking in with one another. As the list grows long, it can feel quite heavy. I have heard people wonder if it does any good. Theologically, prayer reveals our diverse emotions ... hopes and frustrations... joys and concerns... honestly laid out ... shared with God.

Are we making a difference? One can wonder. Yes. We are. With the dignity offered through every mission project, yes. With the diligence of teaching and learning in classes and social justice events, yes. With the grace ethic of Jesus in every invitation to join in, yes.

I would like to end with a concrete example and affirmation of PRCC ministry. In November we hosted "A Celebration of the Life and Resurrection of Zoey Alexandria Wendorf".

Zoey identified as a Christian woman who was transgender. For her parents to invite their community of trans people and family was an act of faith and confidence. Many people did come into our sanctuary – some with nervousness. And a celebration broke out. It was a service made beautiful by stories and the warm embrace of transgender guests trusting us as hosts. Memorial services. Stories. God's love in the present. We get to know one another more deeply every time we celebrate a particular soul.

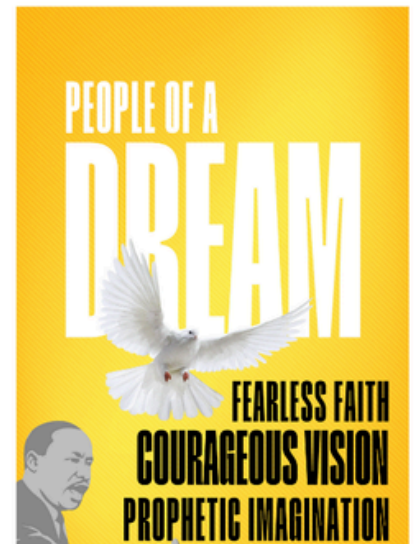
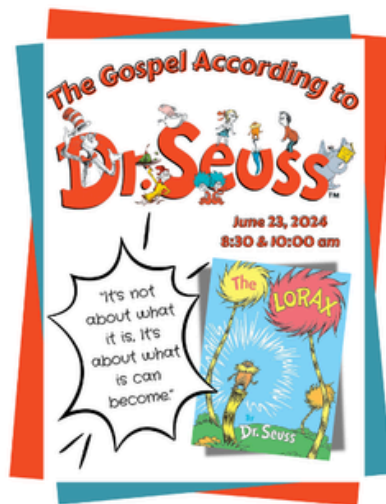
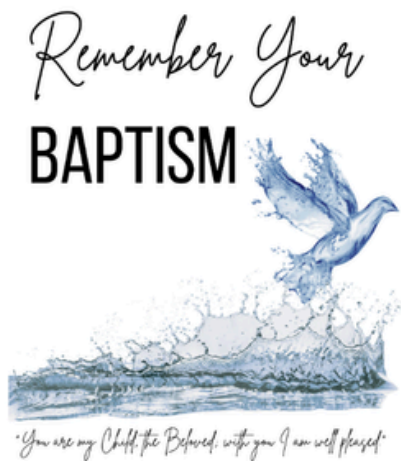
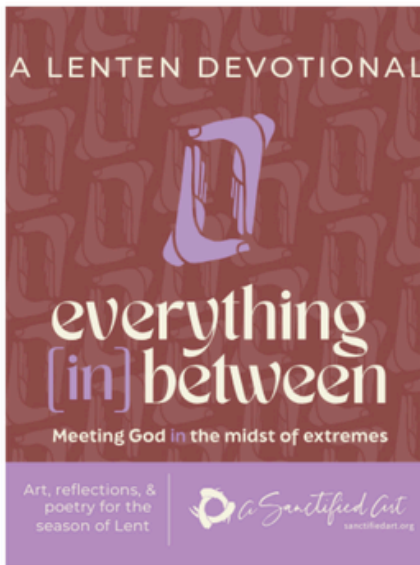
Are we making a difference? Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Laurie

Chair of Faith Development Committee

Reflecting on our sermon series...



Fellowship Committee Report



The Fellowship Committee continues to uphold our beloved traditions.

This summer, we enjoyed a trip to Wrigley Field to cheer on our Cubs as they secured one of their few wins last season! In September, we participated in the Ministry Fair with a display of all the events we had planned for the year. As everyone returned in the fall, we hosted a Newish Member Social in Jordan Hall. Anyone who had joined within the last five years, or considered themselves a new member, was invited. It was a lively cocktail party where everyone was warmly welcomed—and everyone left with a new friend.

Following that, we hosted a **Movie and Popcorn Night** in the Great Hall. Families gathered to enjoy *Up*, a film that beautifully captures the joy of found family and reminds us that family isn't just about blood relations but about the connections we build along the way.

A fun crowd gathered at **Harp & Fiddle**, where our very own Mark Holihan and Wall of Sound performed for a fundraiser. The traditional **Consecration Sunday Luncheon** was a huge success. We continue to support our beloved **Sunrise Grill** and partnered with Creation Care to use real dishes and flatware, reducing waste. Fellowship also provided hams for **Advent Fest** in support of our Children's Ministry.

One of our greatest joys this season was celebrating the Ordination of **Rev. Pastor Mollie Foster**. Working under the direction of the ordination committee, we provided all of Mollie's favorite foods for the entire congregation to enjoy.

The **Annual Meeting Luncheon**, long coordinated by the Fellowship Committee, remains a special tradition. We keep the meal simple but meaningful, ensuring that everyone feels like an important part of the PRCC family.

Looking ahead, in August we will have a **Family Day** at the Chicago Dogs Park in Rosemont. In Fall, we are excited to host either a **Square Dance** or a **Halfway to St. Paddy's Day Party!**

We are always moved by the number of people who arrive early and stay late to help clean up. It is truly the work of the Holy Spirit, bringing us together in service and community. By continuing to host both small and large gatherings, we are reminded that happiness often lies in appreciating the simple joys in life.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Biardo & Mark Holihan

Chair of Fellowship Committee

Medical Lending Closet Report



This Ministry has been in existence since 1992 when Ann Schwartz had the idea to provide medical equipment to those in need at no charge, no matter when they lived. After 32 years we're still providing that care to whomever walks in our door.

In 2024, we provided 1,217 items of medical equipment to 682 individuals. We also received \$2,907 in monetary donations and 212 pieces of equipment. We, in turn, were able to donate our excess equipment to Devices 4 The Disabled, Project Cure and the Park Ridge Senior Center. We are such a visible Ministry to Park Ridge and the wider community.

We continue to serve the community four mornings each week. This is possible only because of our dedicated team of volunteers: Dot Bourgeois, Sandy Bowen, Paula Mack, Karen Nelson, Char Neumann, Katie Reboletti, Marilyn Sandnes, Barbara Scharringhausen and Tricia Williams. Two new members joined our team this year – Marc Erlandson and Rich Roecker. This entire team has the ability to handle each patron in a caring fashion, making sure they each have what they need to aid in their recovery. Bruce Nelson and John Sasser also volunteered their services to repair equipment as needed.

Not only does the Medical Lending Closet serve Park Ridge and the Community at large, it provides exposure to Park Ridge Community Church and the ministries provided. All this is done by a team of volunteers and is totally funded by donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Scharringhausen, Sandy Bowen, & Karen Nelson

Coordinators of Medical Lending Closet

Memorial Gifts Report



The task of the Memorial Gifts Team is to select projects and items that will honor the beloved Saints in whose names memorial gifts have been given and bless the ministries and function of PRCC. We have spent significant time considering projects and proposals, including using funds to spruce up the library, making our building more accessible to all, and adding necessary worship items.

Once the Memorial Gifts Team has an idea, the approval of the Executive Committee is needed before proceeding. This past year we have purchased a stole for Pastor Mollie's ordination, utilizing the funds of Cathy Stewart's memorial, and a few of the memorial gifts will be dedicated to the purchase of a new baptismal font. The Memorial Gifts team went on a trip to a glass blowing studio and considered several options before choosing the bowl, which is currently being crafted.

We are also working on placing a sign at the corner of Crescent and Prospect and installing a handicap lift on the stairs from the Butler Place Room down to the Sunday School/Medical Lending Hallway.

Dave Douglass Memorial funds will be used by the Youth Ministry to provide scholarships to students to attend mission and overnight events or activities.

We have a number of additional projects under consideration, but are awaiting the current building projects to conclude to consider which ones are the most significant. Our lives have been enriched by the lives of our Saints who chose to bless PRCC, not only while they are alive, but also after death.

Many thanks for the support and input of team members Pastor Carol Hill, Marilyn Collentine, Dave Figgins, and Jim Pantazi

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bowen and Kathy Erlandson

Chair of Memorial Gifts Committee

Music Ministry Report



The PRCC Music Ministry is committed to providing the highest quality music for the glory of God. Varied & diverse repertoire is of the utmost importance to the Music Ministry as we strive to meet the needs of our ever growing and diverse congregation. Everyone is welcome to join us!

The Music Ministry of the Park Ridge Community Church provides liturgical music to enrich our worship services and participates in special musical events as an outreach to the community. Various music groups include Chancel Choir, Angeli Choir, Bells on High, Middle School Choir, Junior Choir and Sunday School Music. Additionally, an important part of our work is inviting guest artists, ensembles and directors to present meaningful music as part of worship and to promote fellowship building experiences. Our 8:30 am service features Angie and Andrew Weber playing guitar, mandolin and singing folk-style music. At the 10 am service we enjoy meaningful worship music of the Chancel Choir, organ, piano and other classical music instruments and ensembles.

Our hand bell program is possible because of the dedicated leadership of Sandra Bowen, along with the faithful members of the group. The Bells on High play regularly in worship services, approximately once a month.

As always, we are grateful to Bill Scharringhausen for continuing to serve as Chancel Choir President.

We remain so blessed with our amazing Chancel Choir soloists: Angie Weber, soprano, Sarah Hibbard, soprano, Theresa Egan, soprano, Gisella Milla, soprano, Mel Budreck, soprano, Meg Thomas-Cary, alto, Alex Makkawy, tenor, Cliff Gabor, tenor, Lorenzo Formosa, baritone, Andrew Weber, baritone, Alex Honzen, bass and Lyle Nicholson, bass. Their valuable assistance in leading the Chancel Choir at the 10 am worship service each week is extremely important and much appreciated.

In 2007, the Chancel Choir started a new program that honors Chancel Choir Members of the Year. Two chancel choir members are chosen each year by the Director of Music Ministries. The 2023-24 recipients were **Sara Born, alto and Dave Kapolnek, bass** for their amazing work that went above and beyond expectations. The 2024-25 winners will be announced soon! A plaque is found in the main hallway, next to the door that leads to the organ.

Guest artists and directors have been invited to participate in our program as well, to add to our scope and add meaningful moments to our worship. We've invited the Wehman band, the Joe Mullins Radio Ramblers, string quartets led by Karen Nelson, Irwin Heller, clarinet, Linda Thomas, harp, Travis Heath, trumpet, Brian Torosian, guitar, and many more. This year we also had the pleasure of welcoming the Brass Roots Trio.

Since last year's annual meeting during this program year the Music Ministry did the following:

June 2024 - Angie & Andrew Weber led music for VBS

July 2024 - Music at outdoor and indoor worship services continued including Sasha, Angie, Andrew, the string quartet and various other instrumental and vocal soloists.

August 2024 - Rally Day included music by the Wehman Band!

September 2024 - All Choirs and bell groups started rehearsals again, including, Youth Choir, which meets Wednesdays at 3:30 pm, Bells on High at 6:30 pm on Thursdays, Chancel Choir which meets Thursdays at 7:30 pm All are welcome! A special word of thanks to Sue Douglass for accompanying them, as well as Meg Thomas-Cary for serving as assistant Youth Choir director. A small, but mighty group of dedicated singers!

October 2024 - It was a joy to welcome Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers to worship with us and to hear their musical offerings!

November 2024 - At the Annual Service of Remembrance, the Bells on High offered their selections that evening as well as music from the Faure Requiem sung by Sarah Hibbard. Members of the choir sang in the Community wide Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship.

December 2024 - The Chancel Choir presented excerpts from Britten's Ceremony of Carols as their cantata offering, accompanied by Linda Thomas, harp and Jane Kenas-Heler, piano. The Christmas Pageant, with the kids, was OUTSTANDING and the changes in format were very well received. We had a special extra performance for the Park Ridge Community Stroll and that was great. Advent brought music from all choir and bell groups as well as special guest artists in guitar, string quartet, trumpet and more!

January & February 2025 -The Chancel Choir sang each Sunday, and we featured our string quartet once a month.

March 2025 – We welcomed Christine Janow Phillips, oboe, as a special guest artist, to play on a choir anthem “The Lord is My Shepherd” by Rutter. It was very powerful for all involved. And we had the great pleasure of doing the WORLD PREMIERE of the piece “In the Beginning was the Word” composed by our own Alex Makkawy! It was very well received!

April 2025 - Palm Sunday included our Youth Choir, Sunday School singers and Chancel Choir and Bells on High. The Good Friday Cantata was DuBois's *Seven Last Words* of Christ and the soloists were Angie Weber, soprano, Alex Makkawy, tenor and Andrew Weber, baritone, along with special guest organist Stephen Alltop. Jazz Sunday, now in its 32nd year, was held on Sunday April 27, and was fantastic!

Coming up in 2025-26...

Looking ahead, the choirs and bells will continue to rehearse until the end of May and then take time off for the summer. Junior Choir Camp will be held again in August. All groups will resume by September. The next Chancel Choir dinner at the PR country club will be held in December 2025, which rotates with the Spirit of Christmas event from the Women's Circle.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasha Gerritson

Director of Music Ministries

Nominating Committee Report



Many thanks to the Saints who serve on the Nominating Committee: Grace Curtis, Sue Douglass, Mark Holihan, Kyrie Nelson, Tim Lapp, Marty McHugh, Dave Swanson, Jennifer Wang, and Pastor Carol.

The Nominating Committee always begins our work in collaboration with the Chair and Vice Chair, inviting the members of the Board of Directors to be in conversation with us about openings in their committees and noting if any existing persons are concluding their terms (Sometimes due to personal circumstances, a person may step out of a role before their term is complete). Committee and Team members do not currently have term limits, but our elected officers and chair positions do. When we have a clear list of openings, we brainstorm individuals who are newer members, those who haven't been involved in leadership capacities, and those who seem to need a new role. The Nominating Committee prayerfully considers the needs of our ministry areas in conversation with the Church Leadership, and we begin making phone calls. Sometimes an individual isn't interested in a particular role or serving in an official capacity. Other phone conversations are simply informational about the variety of ministries in our church. Through explanations of the ministry areas, the meeting regularity, expectations, etc. our committee and the individual chat about where God might be calling them. The Nominating Committee members bring back reports on their conversations, and one by one, the empty slots are filled with names and faces who have said they would be willing to serve.

It is with humility and joy that every year in April we offer slate of officers and committees, where faithful folks throughout our congregation have agreed to serve. We give thanks for all the ways so many members of this congregation step up and give of their time, expertise, energy, and prayers in leading this congregation! Thank you for saying "Yes!"

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Lapp

Chair of Nominating Committee

Kyrie Nelson

Vice Chair of Nominating Committee

2025 Leadership of PRCC

Blue text indicates new nominee as of 2025 Annual Meeting

BOLD Text indicates an office elected at the Annual Meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (* indicates member of Executive Committee)

Ministers: Rev. Carol Hill* and Rev. Mollie Foster

Chair of Congregation: **Dan Smith***

Vice-Chair: **Colleen Moriarty***

Clerk: **Justin McCarty***

Treasurer: **Mary Biardo***

Chair of Trustees: **Chris Chandler***

Chairs of Welcoming and Membership: Susie Hollingsworth & Kate Joyce

Christian Education/Faith Development Chair: Sue Laurie

Co-Chairs of Fellowship (Social) Committee: Mark Holihan & **Fred Siebert**

Chairs of Staff Parish Relations Committee: **Ryan McGuffey*** & **Jaclyn Weir***

Chair of Worship Committee: Rachel Lapp

Chair of Christian Outreach: Jamie Knoblauch & **Rich Roecker**

At-Large Board of Director: Keith Reboletti

At-Large Board of Director: Liz Swanson

Co-Chairs of Deacons: **Siri Nelson and Kathy Logan**

Receipts Treasurer: Laura Lapp

Church Attorney: **Paul Hammond**

UCC Representative: **Meg Ulery ('25)**

Endowment Fund Manager: Scott Hollingsworth

Contingency Fund Manager: **Jane McPherson**

Capital Replacement Fund Manager: Eugene Jarvis

Chair of Finance: Vice Chair of the Congregation - Colleen Moriarty

Chair of Nominating Committee: **Tim Lapp**

Chair of Senior Contact: Julie Bruno

Co-Chairs of Memorial Gifts: Sandy Bowen and Kathy Erlandson

Chair of Ushers: Tim Lapp

Chair of Arts & Decor Team: **Sally Mauery**

Chair of Children's Ministry Team: Jason Hinton

Chair of Youth Team: **Abbey Bernardo & Candace McGuffey**

Co-Chairs of Social Justice Team: Rick Graham and Katie Reboletti

Co-Chairs of Creation Care Team: Jenny Sanderson and Mike Laginess

Trustees: **Bill Barsanti, Dick Collentine, Bruce Nelson, Paula Mack, Sharon**

Kemerer, Rich Sivertsen, Chris Chandler, Lonn Naudzius, Dave Figgins

Deacons: Jennifer Wang, Michael Proue, Kyrie Nelson, **Megan Hinton, Blaire Sullivan, Kristin Krizman, Jordan Pringle, Angie Pappasavas, Paul Hammond**

Nadya Zimmerman, Stephanie Laginess

DEACONS (* denotes completing a second term)

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Gretchen Kapolnek	Adrian Hill*	Jennifer Wang*
Teri Biedke*	Siri Nelson*	Michael Proue*
Kathy Logan	Julie Hanson	Kyrie Nelson*
Grace Curtis	Magda Zweifel	Megan Hinton
	Robert Zweifel	Blaire Sullivan
	Mark Holihan	Kristin Krizman
	Dave Figgins	Jordan Pringle
	Marc Erlandson	Angie Pappasavas
	John Weber	Paul Hammond
		Nadya Zimmerman
		Stephanie Laginess

TRUSTEES (* denotes completing of a second term)

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Paula Mack*	Sharon Kemerer*	Bruce Nelson*
Lonn Naudzius*	Chris Chandler*	Bill Barsanti*
Dave Figgins	Rich Sivertsen*	Dick Collentine*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (* denotes completing of a second term)

Chair: Tim Lapp

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Tim Lapp	Kyrie Nelson*	Mark Holihan*
Jennifer Wang	Dave Swanson*	Grace Curtis*
	Sue Douglass*	
	Fred Siebert	
	Sara Born	

The following does not require a congregational vote, and is provided for informational purposes only. Per PRCC by-laws, the Minister(s), Chair, and Vice-Chair of the Congregation shall be members ex-officio of all regular and special committees.

Adult Education/Lifelong Learning Team Chair: Jackie Tilles

Anita Rifkind	Liz Ewald	Pastor Carol Hill
Wayne Ewald	Diane McCartney	

Arts & Decor Team Chair: [Sally Mauery \('25\)](#)

Marylynn Collentine ('21)
Meg Ulery ('23)

Christian Outreach Committee Chair: Jamie Knoblauch ('23) & [Rich Roecker \('25\)](#)

Paula Mack	Marylynn Collentine	Michael Proue ('23)	Kathy Berry
Luan Zoellner	Cindy Klimmeck	Dave Kapolnek ('23)	Jay Crowley
Cheryll DeYoung	Rich Roecker ('23)	Tricia Williams ('23)	Sharon Solomon
Jamie Knoblauch ('22)	Laura Lapp	Kathy Erlandson	George Van Geem ('24)

Children's Ministry Team Chair: [Jason Hinton \(2024\)](#)

Morgan Tone	Sheila Blackburn
Sue Laurie	Ann Swindell
Luan Zoellner	Rev. Mollie Foster

Church Use Taskforce:

Chair of Congregation: Dan Smith
Senior Minister: Rev. Carol Hill
Chair of Trustees: Chris Chandler
Member of Welcome/Membership Committee: Sue Douglass

Creation Care Team: Co-Chairs: [Jenny Sanderson & Mike Laginess](#)

Karen Heckman	Bill Barsanti (Trustee)
Bob Mack	Tricia Williams
Karen Nelson	

Faith Development Committee (Christian Education): Chair: Sue Laurie ('23)

Siri Nelson	Michael Laginess	Jackie Tilles
Sydney Hollingsworth	Wayne Ewald	Liz Ewald

Fellowship/Social Committee (5-8 persons): Co-Chairs: Mark Holihan ('24) & Fred Siebert ('25)

Sarah Chacko ('19)	Rick Benedetto ('19)	Lisa Irwin ('19)	Candace McGuffey ('25)
Sarah McCarty	Michael Proue ('19)	Grace Curtis	Angie Papassavas ('25)
Nancy Fabisch	Ryan McGuffey ('19)	Sharon Coony ('25)	Keith Reboletti ('25)
		Magda Zweifel ('25)	Robert Zweifel ('25)

Finance Committee: Chair: Colleen Moriarty, Vice Chair

Mary Biardo, Treasurer

-----, Member at large appointed by Chair

Laura Lapp, Receipts Treasurer

Sandy Bowen & Kathy Erlandson, Memorial Gifts Co-Chairs

Fund Managers

Contingency Fund Manager: Jane McPherson ('25)

Endowment Fund Manager: Scott Hollingsworth ('23)

Capital Replacement Fund Manager: Eugene Jarvis ('21)

Memorial Gifts Committee: Chair: Sandy Bowen ('24) & Kathy Erlandson ('24)

Bill Barsanti, Trustee

Dave Figgins, Deacon

Marylynn Collentine, Altar Guild

Jim Pantazi

Senior Contact Team: Chairs: Julie Bruno ('23)

Sarah McCarty (staff)	Michael Proue	Karen Nelson	Amanda Hogle
Luan Zoellner	Janet Johnson	Lorel Brunet	Jane McPherson
Penny Chlebicki	Kathy Erlandson	Julie Hanson	Carrie Plach
Rich Roecker			

Social Justice Team: Chair: Rick Graham ('24) and Katie Reboletti ('24)

Katie Reboletti	Candace McGuffey	Rachel Lapp
Paula Mack	Megan Hinton	Sasha Gerritson
Luan Zoellner	Anita Rifkind	Sarah McCarty
Rev. Mollie Foster	Adrian Hill	Gregory Sarlo
Liz Swanson	Sue Laurie	

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Co-Chairs: Ryan McGuffey ('25) & Jaclyn Weir ('25)

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Tim Lapp	Kathy Erlandson	Mark Holihan*
Dave Swanson	Grace Curtis*	Bob Mack
Ryan McGuffey		Lauri McCleneghan
		Jaclyn Weir

Stephen Ministry:

Leaders: Anita Rifkind, Liz Swanson, Laura Sissman, Sarah McCarty, [Naomi Siebert](#)

Kathy Erlandson	Rachel Lapp	Katie Reboletti
Becca Lapp	Sue Laurie	Anthony Salamone
Candace McGuffey	Tim Mauery	John Sasser

Ushers: Chair: Tim Lapp ('23)

Cindy Klimmeck	Rich Roecker	Tom Brunet	Dave Figgins
Sharon Kemerer	Laura Sissman	Lorel Brunet	Dan Smith
Bruce Nelson	Fred Siebert	Anita Rifkind	Bill Barsanti
Adrian Hill	Lonn Naudzius	Dave Kapolnek	Ace Steele
Marylynn Collentine	Scott Nelson	Gretchen Kapolnek	Haukur Gudmundsson
Michael Laginess	Dick Colletine	Barb Madro	Michael Proue
Budd Shinn	Marty McHugh	Kent Ulery ('23)	Rich Roecker
Chris Browning			

Welcome & Membership Committee: Co-Chairs: Susie Hollingsworth & Kate Joyce ('24)

Keith Reboletti	Julie Smith	Sarah Chacko
Tom Brunet	Lorel Brunet	
Sara Born	Sue Douglass	

Worship Committee: Chair: Rachel Lapp (2023)

Ann Swindell	Siri Nelson	Sasha Gerritson (staff)
Gretchen Kapolnek	Morgan Tone	Sue Douglass
Tim Lapp	Rev. Carol Hill	Kathy Logan

Altar Guild: Ann Swindell, Siri Nelson, Gretchen Kapolnek

Youth Ministry Team: Co-Chairs: [Abbey Bernardo](#) & [Candace McGuffey](#)

Siri Nelson	Aimee Collins	Sarah Thompson
Susie Hollingsworth	Jason Hinton	Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Sue Laurie	Andrea Goodwin	

Pastoral Services Report



It is a joy to serve this congregation as your Director of Pastoral Services, building upon PRCC's rich tradition of community and compassion. This congregation continues to show up for one another and for those in need in our community and beyond, and it is a privilege to be part of those efforts.

Kindred Spirits Cafe continues to serve as a time for fellowship, meeting each Tuesday to share lunch and conversation. We've had guest speakers join us from organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association, Action Ridge, and the Park Ridge Public Library. We took a field trip in October to visit the International Servant Leaders Museum in Morton Grove and learned about the impact some amazing individuals have made on their communities. We make an effort to stay engaged with the many generations represented at PRCC by having the Youth present to us after mission trips and holding bi-annual lunches where Kindred Spirits and the Youth Group enjoy a meal, play games, and get to learn from one another. Each week we average around 10-12 participants, but over the course of the year, we've had 39 unique visitors, so you never know who you'll have the pleasure of sitting next to at lunch! This community is open to anyone who's available to attend from 12:00-1:00 each Tuesday. We have no age, gender, or life stage requirements, so bring your sack lunch and join us for a delightful hour of community the next time you're free.

Our Stephen Ministers remain key in our efforts to support those in our congregation and community who are in need of a listening ear. Our dedicated Stephen Ministers work one-on-one with care receivers, as well as provide support for one another through bi-monthly meetings, and for the larger congregation through prayer. During the Lenten season, Stephen Ministry prepared the Grace Space in Ellinger Transept to provide a dedicated spot for prayer and reflection as we awaited the joy of Easter. Throughout the year we have partnered with other teams to provide opportunities for conversation and the processing of difficult emotions through several workshops in the fall and spring. We delayed our 2025 training for new Stephen Ministers and anticipate training a new class in 2026. If you or someone you know is in need of care or if you're interested in learning more about our next training, please contact me or any of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Rifkind, Laura Sissman, and Liz Swanson.

In November, we honored the lives of 53 saints at our Service of Remembrance. This meaningful service provides us a chance to remember and celebrate the love we have for those who have gone before us. In October, we worked with the grief specialists at Advocate Lutheran to host a conversation on Grief and the Holidays. Sharing our vulnerabilities and challenges can be both difficult and a step on the path toward wholeness, and we are grateful for those who allow us to lift them up when they are at their most fragile.

In January, we joined with men from Avalon Park Community Church for a men's retreat at Pilgrim Park Camp in Princeton, IL. Facilitated by Rev. Mark Barclay of Avalon Park, 21 men from both congregations had the opportunity to connect with and learn from one another over the weekend.

We know that our efforts to share God's love should not be contained by the walls of this church, and both our Senior Contact Committee and Medical Lending Closet are exemplary in their ability to meet the needs of those in our community who are not able to join us in person. The Senior Contact Committee, co-chaired by Julie Bruno and Penny Chlebicki, serves members who are unable to leave their homes, bringing a bit of PRCC to them so we remain connected. Through near-monthly contact through deliveries, visits, and cards, the committee connects with those who consider PRCC their home.

With over 30 years of service, the Medical Lending Closet is one of the most visible ways PRCC serves our larger community. Led by Barbara Scharringhausen, Sandy Bowen, and Karen Nelson, this volunteer-run effort provides resources to people when they are at their most vulnerable: navigating illness or injury, mourning the loss of a loved one, or celebrating a recovery. We are grateful for the steadfast dedication of the volunteers who keep this essential ministry running.

As we once again inch toward summer, we celebrate that PRCC was represented enthusiastically at the annual Memorial Day parade in 2024. We had over 60 folks marching in the parade and countless others (I'm looking at you, Youth & Kindred Spirits!) who helped prepare the "seed bombs" that we passed out to the crowd. It was an uplifting way to celebrate our community and we're looking forward to recruiting even more folks to march this year. If you're interested in joining in the fun, contact me or Pastor Mollie.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah McCarty

Director of Pastoral Services

Senior Contact Report



The Senior Contact Committee is a priceless connection between PRCC and its senior members who are not able to join us in person. Our church family consistently reaches out to them on an almost monthly basis, either by cards or visits. Our feedback is that our elders are particularly touched by our handmade cards and remembrances from our Sunday School children.

We love growing our team of connectors and are grateful for their generosity and flexibility: We honor and celebrate Sandy Bowen, Lorel Brunet, Julie Bruno, Penny Chlebicki, Sharon Cooney, Kathy Erlandson, Julie Hanson, Amanda Hogle (with daughters, Amalia and Riley), Janet Johnson, Sarah McCarty, Jane McPherson, Karen Nelson, Carrie Plach, Michael Proue, Rich Roecker and Luan Zoellner. We are indeed a family of team members--if one can't participate one month, others jump in to help. We are a picture of "it takes a village!"

We also thank our PRCC creative ones who join us in nurturing these heartfelt relationships: the Sunday School kids and teachers, Knitting Knights, and our Deacons and spontaneous volunteers.

Here's a bit of what we did in 2024-25:

July: EVENT, ice cream social before Park Ridge park concert

September: Ministry Fair & hosted PRCC coffee hour; delivered bookmarks with the ministry theme and the church newsletter.

October: VISIT, delivered pumpkins decorated by Sunday School kids

November: Mailed advent devotionals & Thanksgiving cards

December: VISIT, delivered cookies made by team, Deacons & Sunday School kids

February: MAILED, Valentines created by Sunday School kids

March/April: VISIT, delivered daffodils in vases with Easter cards; hosted PRCC coffee hour (March)

May: VISIT ANTICIPATED, deliver butterfly bookmarks/door hangers made by our talented Knitting Knights

In addition, our thanks to Janet Johnson for keeping PRCC connected to our seniors on their birthdays! She diligently mails birthday cards to celebrate their day of birth! Our gratitude, too, to Sarah McCarty, who is always willing to creatively lend a hand to our "interesting" endeavors!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Bruno & Penny Chlebicki

Co-Chairs, Senior Contact Committee

Social Justice Team Report



In the Spring/Summer of 2024, the Social Justice Team participated in the planning and hosting of the first annual **Pride in Park Ridge** gathering. The event had its genesis in our Connections (LGBTQ Youth) Program, and quickly grew to include other area churches, local organizations and individual and business partners. On a rainy day in June, hundreds of people showed up to enjoy the food, fellowship, information and entertainment provided. For 2025, the event will be moving to a larger venue to better accommodate the anticipated attendees.

We also supported the Chicago Council of Welcoming Churches (CCWC), in planning and facilitating a multi-church group marching in the Chicago Pride Parade.

In the Fall, SJT organized a field trip to see the play *Alabama Story* at after-words bookstore, starring PRCC's own Tom Goodwin. Inspired by true events, *Alabama Story* is a play about censorship, book-banning and Civil Rights set within the framework of 1950s racial tensions.

SJT also organized and hosted a series of Teach-ins on topics of importance to the well-being of the PRCC community (in collaboration with Stephen Ministry, Faith Development and other teams/committees). The series progressed from personal wellness to respectful interactions with others, to how faith can be expressed in challenging times.

A Conversation: Mental Wellness in Turbulent Times Dr. Gregory Sarlo, Psychologist and former Social Justice Team Co-Chair led a discussion on anxiety-related topics raised by participants, including sleep challenges, procrastination and anger. Tools like re-framing, focusing on gratitude and taking concrete action were discussed.

Peaceable Dialogue in Turbulent Times Licensed Clinical Social Worker and PRCC member John Hurd led participants in discovering ways to initiate and maintain respectful conversations with others who may have differing views, by acknowledging their own personal "triggers" and using techniques such as active listening.

Fear and Faith Daniel Horan, OFM, PhD, was invited to deliver a guest Sermon and lead a Question-and-Answer session after the service. His book, *Fear and Faith, Hope and Wholeness in a Fractured World*, was used in Bible Study for several weeks prior to the Service.

This past Winter, SJT helped to support an Immigration workshop, held at PRCC, that was organized through a group of local churches. Information on how to be an ally to our immigrant neighbors was provided by Ken Willer, a North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic representative and Will Tanzman, the Executive Director of The People's Lobby addressed a range of collective action responses, focusing on raising awareness, controlling the message and maintaining a stance of non-violence.

Our ongoing work this year is planning and initiating a series of Congregational Conversations to identify areas of common perspective on doing justice in the world. The goal is to develop and codify shared belief statements on a range of Social Justice related themes, much like we did for the ONA certification through the UCC. As our starting point, we are referencing Covenants developed by a UCC congregation in Boulder, Co, so we have met with a church member there to get an idea of the processes they used. We have also talked to a facilitator to identify possible meeting protocols to use when the Conversations begin. A survey was created and released to our Congregation, to identify and help prioritize specific Social Justice topics on which to begin the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Graham & Katie Reboletti

Rick Graham and Katie Reboletti, Co-Chairs

Staff Parish Relations Committee Report



Chairs: Therese Wehman and Luan Zoellner

Committee Members: Tim Lapp, Mark Holihan, Grace Curtis, Dave Swanson, Ryan McGuffey, Kathy Erlandson, Anthony Salamone, Pastor Carol, Colleen Moriarty, Dan Smith

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) was created to assist the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors with management of the staff of PRCC. The goal of SPRC is to create and formalize an environment of cooperation and respect between the staff and lay leadership of PRCC. SPRC assists in the development of operating procedures for our staff to ensure a cooperative and collaborative environment. Throughout the year, we focus on the following ongoing tasks: Development, refinement, and consistent formatting of job descriptions for the PRCC staff positions; Refinement and application of evaluation measures to be used as part of the annual review process; Supporting PRCC staff through assigned liaison's who provide an open line of communication to discuss changes to the work environment, job description, or related needs for the staff member; Posting and hiring for any vacant position; Coordinating the annual staff holiday gift; Reviewing and recommending changes to compensation for staff to the Executive Committee

Specifically during the past church year, we have accomplished the following:

- Posted, interviewed, and assisted in the hiring of a new Parish Coordinator in January of 2025.
- Recommended cost of living increases as well as pay raises related to job duties of specific PRCC staff members to both the Trustees and the Executive Committee.
- Recommended Organized Christmas giving staff gift (\$12,000 was collected).
- Assisted in the ongoing completion of annual reviews for staff (to be completed by end of May).
- Hosted two Coffee Hours as a committee (October and February).
- SPRC chairs joined the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and attended all of these meetings this past year to date.
- The main task of the SPRC this past year has been working on the Personnel Policies section of Park Ridge Community Church's Policies Manual that outlines relevant information specific to our church staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Wehman & Luan Zoellner

Co-Chairs of Staff Parish Relations
Committee

Trustee Report



PRCC is blessed with amazingly skilled and dedicated Trustees that volunteer their diverse gifts to the Church. This past year our Trustees have been Bill Barsanti, Chris Chandler, Dick Collentine, Dave Figgins, Sharon Kemerer, Paula Mack, Lonn Naudzius, Bruce Nelson, Rich Sivertsen, and Trustee Emeritus Bill Williams.

This has been another productive year for the Trustees. Some of our 2024 accomplishments:

- Exterior metal handrails restored / repaired
- Doors numbered and signage added
- Prospect stone wall trued up
- Courtland stoop concrete repair
- Narthex bathroom made unisex
- Comfort height toilets installed in narthex bathrooms
- Great Hall floor deep cleaned
- Concrete slab repaired at Butler Place entry
- Cleaning of religious reliefs
- Pilot of organic weed control around sanctuary

Maintenance costs were significantly lower than budgeted for last year. Thanks to volunteers and Trustee grit for resolving issues and closing projects instead of contracting out the work. These amazing efforts reduced the overall spending by thousands of dollars overall.

This year is off to quite a start for the Trustees. Our 15 year capital plan allows us to plan ahead for larger projects. Funding for these projects comes from your commitments to the Capital Replacement Fund. However, currently our project portfolio has some additional (potential) funding sources.

- Sanctuary roof repair (insurance claim funded)
- Alarm system replacement and upgrade (grant on hold)
- Plans for AC for the different zones of the church (fund raising tbd)
- New water heater (existing capital replacement fund)

For the large roof repair project, work should start mid-June and finish by Rally Day in September. Scaffolding will be assembled at beginning of project and will remain in place until completion. All entry/exits will be usable during project.

We look forward to serving the Park Ridge Community Church congregation and our community with facilities that support our broad and active ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Chandler

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Usher Report



On any given Sunday, you can expect to be greeted by an usher when you enter Church. The usher will hand you a bulletin and answer any questions you may have. Before you enter Church, the ushers would have unlocked doors as needed, lit candles and made sure that there were bulletins available for all who wanted them. There is also mathematics involved in being an usher since the ushers count the congregants that attend each Church service. In addition, the ushers serve the Church by ushering at memorial and funeral services that take place at the Church.

The ushers are always on the look out for new people to recruit to be new ushers. Serving as an usher is a great way to get to meet new people and do an important job for the Church.

Our ushers are organized into 4 teams, each with approximately 6-7 members. Each team has a captain who is responsible for assuring adequate coverage on the Sundays for which their team is responsible. The usher teams each serve on a monthly basis, rotating responsibility every four months. Our current roster is:

USHER TEAM #1 - (JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER) - Bill Barsanti (captain), Bob Mack, Paula Mack, Tom Brunet, Lorel Brunet, Cindy Klimmeck, Sharon Kemerer and Rich Roecker.

USHER TEAM #2 - (FEBRUARY, JUNE, OCTOBER) - Tim Lapp (captain), Adrian Hill, Laura Sissman, Bruce Nelson, Fred Siebert, Anita Rifkind and Lon Naudzius.

USHER TEAM #3 - (MARCH, JULY, NOVEMBER) - Scott Nelson (captain), Dan Smith, Michael Laginess, Haukur Gudmundsson, Bud Shinn and Kent Ulery.

USHER TEAM #4 - (APRIL, AUGUST, DECEMBER) - Barb Madro (captain), Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, Chris Browning, Marty McHugh, Dave Kapolnek, Gretchen Kapolnek and Mike Proue.

8:30 am SERVICE USHERS - Bill Scharringhausen

I would like to thank the ushers and commend them for a job well done. If you would like information about or would like to join our team, please contact the church office or myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Lapp

Head Usher

Welcome & Membership Committee Report



Committee Chairs: Kate Joyce and Susie Hollingsworth

Committee Members: Mary Biardo, Sara Born, Tom and Laurel Brunet, Sarah Chacko, Sue Douglass, Keith Reboletti, Julie Smith

Staff: Pastor Carol Hill and Pastor Mollie Foster

We are delighted to report we received 10 adult members and their families into our congregation this year, plus eight confirmation students.

Throughout the year, the Welcome and Membership Committee continues to focus on the following:

- Greeting visitors, newcomers, and members at PRCC worship services and events
- Developing and implementing ways to reach newcomers to the church
- Inviting people to join us in membership
- Welcoming new members through informational sessions and New Member Sundays
- Finding ways to connect new members to church events and committees

This year the committee:

- Welcomed 10 adults as members, along with 4 children as preparatory members, plus eight confirmation students
- Offered new member informational sessions and New Member Sundays in October, February, and April
- Worked together to welcome visitors and help them begin a connection with PRCC
- Followed up with visitors to answer questions and encourage future participation with the life of the church
- Coordinated sign-ups for weekly coffee hour to be run by our church committees
- Started developing a streamlined membership roll review process to be conducted every four years

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Joyce & Susie Hollingsworth

Co-Chairs of Welcome and Membership Committee

Worship Committee Report



I am so grateful for the many teams and individuals who contribute to the worship services at PRCC. We continue to welcome members and guests at the 8:30 and 10:00 am Sunday morning services. Sasha does a beautiful job bringing in guest musicians to enrich the worship experience, including world-renowned violinists to string quartets, guest organists, and phenomenal singers. Our chancel choir almost overflows the altar! We have welcomed guests to preach and the sermon series over the last year have encouraged, uplifted, challenged, and given hope to all!

Behind the scenes of worship, we have active lay participation. Thank you to the Altar Guild, who ensures the paraments, altar flowers, banner and visuals are ready. Thank you Deacons, who prepare and serve the sacraments. Thank you Ushers, who greet members and guests, hand bulletins, receive prayer requests and offerings, and problem solve in case of surprises in worship - sometimes even throwing out confetti! Thank you to the livestream team, who places cameras and runs our online broadcast. Thank you Children's Ministry Team, who coordinates Children's Messages and worship bags for children who remain in worship. Thank you Music Ministry team, who align and prepare music that elevates worship and amplifies the day's theme. Thank you to our ministers who prepare powerful messages that we need to hear. And thank you, worship attendees - as you sing, pray, pass the peace, and show up - our worship experience is shared and all are blessed!

There's room for additional folks to join our worship committee. Our committee consists of Siri Nelson and Kathy Logan, Co-Chairs of Deacons; Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministry; Sue Douglass; Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry; Ann Swindell, Altar Guild; Tim Lapp, Chair of Ushers; Gretchen Kapolnek; Pastor Carol; and me. If you'd like to join our team, reach out and let me know!

We are

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lapp

Chair of Worship Committee



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