



Park Ridge Community Church

October 2025

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am - 3 pm

The office is closed from 12-12:30 pm for lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: The Pastors' Days Off are Fridays and Saturdays. They are available to respond to emergency needs on these days.



October 5: World Communion

Connected by Love: To the ends of the Earth

Galatians 3:25-29; Acts 1:6-8

Holy Communion by Intinction

October 12: Sacred Worth: God's Valuation

Psalms 8; Matthew 6:25-34

October 19: Sacred Worth: Holy Ground

Psalms 24:1-6; Matthew 15:32-39

Pastor Mollie preaching

October 26: Sacred Worth: Worthwhile Planting

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Jeremiah 31:1-9; Matthew 13:1-9

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*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.*

Psalms 24:1

The Pastor's Note

Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

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One of the greatest gifts of being part of PRCC is the way we walk through life together. In seasons of joy, we celebrate side by side—at baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and mission trip send-offs. In times of sorrow, we hold one another close, sharing prayers, meals, and quiet presence. Across generations and life stages, we are a family of faith, caring for one another as a living reminder that no one travels this journey alone.

When we say “Here you belong. Here you are home” we mean it! I witness it in the way Sandy greets middle schoolers from the community as they walk in the door every Wacky Wednesday. I see it in how the mentors sit and discover with the Confirmands. I see it in the Senior Contact team members visiting those who cannot physically attend worship. I see it in every meal prepared for by the Outreach Team. This kind of love is possible because of a truth deeper than circumstance: our value comes from God. Each of us is created in the image of the Creator, imbued with sacred worth that cannot be earned or lost. Yet in a world that measures success by achievement or appearance, we can easily overlook or devalue the holy and divine spark within ourselves and others. The noise of conflict and uncertainty can make us forget that, at our core, all are God’s beloved.

Our stewardship theme, **Sacred Worth: Imbued by the Creator**, calls us back to this foundation. Stewardship is more than budgets or pledges; it is the daily practice of honoring God’s gifts—our time, talents, resources, and relationships—by nurturing the sacred worth in everyone we meet. It is the quiet phone call to someone who is grieving, the joyful welcome to a newcomer, the faithful prayer for a struggling friend.

Participation in the CROP Walk becomes another way we embody this call. As children walk beside adults and neighbors share the path, we proclaim that every person—near or far, hungry or full—matters to God. Each step is an act of love, raising support for those who need food, clean water, and the dignity of knowing they are not forgotten.

As we enter this stewardship season, I invite you to begin praying about how you might share your financial gifts to support the life and ministries of PRCC. **Your generosity allows us to continue shining God’s love and light in a world that longs for hope**—sustaining worship, nurturing and caring for one another, and reaching beyond our walls in Christ’s name.

In a world that feels heavy with turmoil, our shared walk—and our shared life—each foot we put in front of the other—testifies to something stronger than fear: the Creator’s love alive in us. May we give with grateful hearts, trusting that God will use every gift to bring **more light, more love, and more life** to the world. We can find hope in that!



Board Update



As I am watching the scaffolding come down from the steeple, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and excitement for God working through our church. With the current projects moving towards completion (slow and steady) I am amazed at where we are today based on the planning, work, and generosity of many of us. When we are complete we will have a safer, more usable, more efficient, and beautiful building! But we aren't stopping there, we are going to take those gifts and work on increasing our impact on the community to amplify God's gifts. We will be able to look into the future and continue to move us to the church that will be here for another 100 years as a central part of our community! It's an exciting time!

On a regular business update, both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors met in September with both groups focusing on topics and ideas specific to that body. This means the system we created with the By-law changes a couple years back is working! We continue to focus on the identified goals below. We also continue to need your help in accomplishing them. Your presence and help are welcomed, important, and appreciated.

1. Engaging Our Church Body

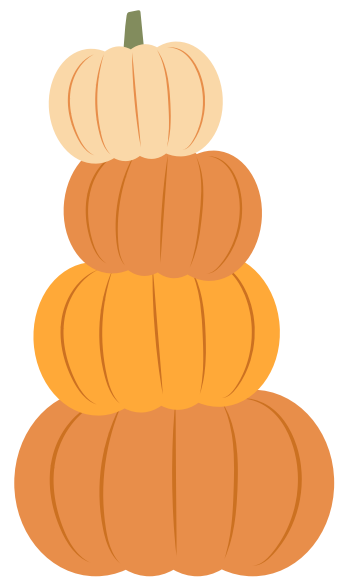
- Growing in numbers of active members
- Engaging the faith of all ages - in love of God and neighbor
- Empowering ministry involvement/leadership
- Strengthening connections through small groups and study
- Encouraging "Sweat Equity"

2. Invitation into Faithful Fellowship

- Deepening our connections with one another
- Clarifying our identity & what PRCC is about
- Projecting our values outward to the community
- Impacting the broader community's needs

3. Updating Our Resources to Facilitate Ministry

- Teaching faithful stewardship
- Building a foundation for generations to come
- Investing in safe and welcoming spaces
- Updating our technology

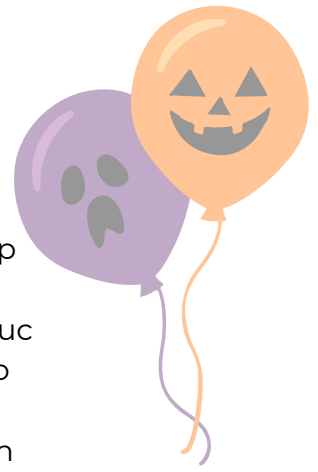


We will be holding a Leadership Team talk October 19th after the 10:00 service (coffee hour) discussing some changes to our church software program and giving you all time to ask church leaders anything that's on your mind. If you have ideas or thoughts please come out after church and share them!

Peace and gratitude,
Dan Smith
 Chair of the Congregation



Happy Birthday!



10/01
Paul Schrimpf
10/02
Penny Chlebicki
10/05
Sophia Joyce
Trevor Steele
Logan Steele
10/06
Connor Collins
Aidan Collins
Rachel Lapp
10/08
Fred Flener
Oliver Zweifel

10/09
Siri Nelson
Jim Sindt
Ace Steele
Matt Sullivan
10/11
Maeve Hunter
10/17
Reece Hanson
10/18
Cheri Carpenter
10/19
Cheryll DeYoung
Rich Roecker
10/21
Keith Krizman

10/22
Mike Artrip
10/23
Darcy Le Duc
Octaviano
10/24
Dan Smith
10/27
Charlyn Rauch
10/28
Cole Fisher
Gretchen Kapolnek
10/29
Eileen
Schrimpfbert
10/31
Liz Ewald

2025



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>If you notice an error on the calendar, please share that information with office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.</i>			1 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 5:30 pm Pride in PR 7 pm Bible Study	2 9 am Men's Breakfast 11:30 am Lincoln Park Shelter Meal Cooking 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	3	4 1-3 pm Axehead Lake Clean Up
5 8:30 am Chapel Worship 10 am Worship 11:30 am MS Holy Chow	6 7 pm City Council Mtg. 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Action Ridge Book Group	7 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 6 pm Faith Devel. Mtg.	8 10 am Staff Mtg. 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study	9 9 am Men's Breakfast 6 pm Outreach Comm. 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	10	11 10 am - 3 pm Private Event (Great Hall)
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19 8:30 am Chapel Worship 10 am Worship 11 am Team Talk/Coffee 1 pm CROP WALK (Our Lady of Ransom)	20 6:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg. 7 pm Yoga	21 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café	22 10 am Staff Mtg. 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study	23 9 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	24	25
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By:
Naomi Siebert

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-30

Blessed are the caregivers with hearts wide open, ears to listen and hands to hold; for you are angels here on earth.

You are beautiful, selfless people in our midst. You know who you are! You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus to all of God's beloveds - parents, spouses, children, grandchildren, students, neighbors, friends and strangers. Caregiving is not a 9 to 5 job... but a true labor of love... and you do it without hesitation, again and again. Your care and love is freely given, because you want to make the load lighter for those around you.

But who is caring for you? Can you hear the flight attendant sharing before every plane takes off... "if an oxygen mask becomes necessary, be sure to put your own mask on first, before helping those around you." This is not selfish, but necessary. How can you help others without being prepared yourself? Being a caregiver for our dear ones can become overwhelming and our focus on self-care of our body, mind, and spirit often gets pushed to the back burner. We can find ourselves running on empty and our own cup so depleted, that we cannot possibly care for another. A beautiful hallmark of a Stephen Ministry caring relationship is checking in with our care receivers to ensure they are pursuing self-care, so now it is my turn to check in on all of you.

Pursuing self-care is not negotiable and has to be a part of your plan. You have to care for yourself first, so you will have a strong body, mind, and spirit to care for others. To engage in self-care is empowering and will keep you focused and your cup replenished, so that you can support those who depend on you. What self-care strategies will you add to your calendar? It doesn't have to be extravagant, just intentional. A walk in the park, slipping away with a cup of tea and a good book, taking a friend up on an offer for a few hours of respite from your dear one, getting good nutrition, an uninterrupted night of rest - whatever you need most and make it happen. I will be praying for your care giving ministry and that you will make a commitment to find space for peace and restoration in your journey.

I am humbled to be a part of this amazing ministry team and the greatest gift of all is to be able to pray with and for all of you. The Stephen Ministry Team is here to intentionally walk with you as you navigate all the seasons of life. If you think you could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Sarah McCarty, Pastor Carol or Pastor Mollie or any of our Stephen Leaders to help you get connected.

Finally, mark your calendars! The Stephen Ministry team is excited to announce the start of our **Faithful First Sundays** during this ministry season. We hope you will stop by Ellinger Transept from 9:30-9:50 (between our two services) the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 5. Each month we'll explore a different approach to prayer, building confidence around an aspect of faith that some find daunting. We will learn and grow together, as we share information about prayer practices that you might consider adding to your daily quiet time.

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Stephen Ministry



Is the idea of praying in front of others daunting?
Do you ever feel like you just don't know what to say?

Join the Stephen Ministers for **Faithful First Sundays** as we explore different approaches to prayer the first Sunday of the month. We'll meet in **Ellinger Transept** (off the sanctuary opposite the chapel) from **9:30 AM-9:50 AM** and we'll cover a different perspective each month.

On tap for **Oct. 5:** Pocket Prayers & "Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott

On Sunday, November 2 at 7:30, we will hold our annual Service of Remembrance, where we will honor and remember those who have entered Life in the Resurrection over the past year. Please review the list below and if your loved one is not listed or if their name should be adjusted in any way, please let Sarah know: sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



Torre Anderson
Rosemary Argus
LaCena Bailey
Thomas Raymond
Biedke
Louise Bruyn
Vivian Bussard
Sandy Caley
Heather Cannon
Robert Cucinotta
David Douglass
Maria Down
Mia Downs
Vicki Fox

Macie Grey
Stephen
Scott Hazen
Rhoda Holland
Lou Ella Houston
Joan Jacoby
William Jarvis
Judith Johnson
Sue Laughlin
Sawyer
Richard Lenke
Dwayne McClanahan
Bill Melton
Joan O'Brien

Celia O'Malley
Sam Orth
Trudy Overmeyer
Peggy Roche
Jorge Romanach
Julia Saladino
Don Schram
Joseph M. Sell
Dwight "Bud" Smith
Rick Stefan
Cliff Stettler
Pat Thompson
Bernadine Williams
Helen Wilson



Building Projects



An Update on the Roof/Steeple

The cross is up and the scaffolding is coming down! Once the breakdown is complete, the roof over the sanctuary and office wing will be redone! May the new shining steeple be a reminder for us all to shine God's love and light!

An Update on Air Conditioning

We have air conditioning fully installed in the choir room, church offices, and work room! Once the scaffolding is gone, the workers can install the condensers for the AC units throughout the rest of the building! This project is being funded by estate gifts left to PRCC and fundraising efforts (Mark H.'s birthday party). The work is anticipated to be completed by early October.

Volunteer Spotlight

Each month we highlight one of many extraordinary volunteers whose contributions are making a difference at PRCC!



This month we recognize Michael Proue!

Michael came to PRCC in 2018 and jumped right in. He has been a Deacon and is currently on Christian Outreach and Senior Contact-our seniors love him! Michael is eager to help with special events like Jazz in January and meals at the Ronald McDonald House. He always serves with a joyful and giving spirit! Thank you, Michael, for all that you do! You help make PRCC a wonderful place.



Welcome & Membership Committee Info Sessions!

Are you interested in learning more about Park Ridge Community Church?

Join us on October 14th to hear all that PRCC has to offer and what it means to be a member of this church. This and upcoming info sessions will take place in the Church Parlor from 7-8 pm.



**Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 pm
in PRCC Sunday School wing
Sept 9th - Dec. 12th**

Our next season of peer groups will begin again on Tuesday, October 9th. Please [complete this form](#), to register your child(ren) and/or to be added to our communications list. Rainbows offers a safe and supportive space for students in 1st–8th grade who are experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one or a changing family dynamic, (such as divorce, deployment, or separation). Trained facilitators guide children in sharing their feelings and learning healthy ways to cope and communicate.

If you have general questions or are interested in volunteering as a facilitator, please [email](#). Follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates and resources.

Music Notes

Bells On High Practice: Thursdays, 6:30 PM
Chancel Choir Practice: Thursdays, 7:30 PM
Youth Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 3:30 PM



MEET THE MUSIC STAFF

Each month you can look forward to learning more about our talented music staff!

Sandra (Sandy) Bowen: Director, Bells on High

I joined PRCC in 1970 and started ringing bells in 1980 when the first two octaves of bells were purchased by the Nautilus Group. Jerry Butera was the director and eventually asked me to direct a second group. I was interested in handbells because my aunt directed a group in Florida. At one point I was directing the Community Church Chimers (4th – 6th), the Good Vibrations (7th -8th) and The Vibes (high school).

I have my B.S. and M.ED degree from U of I and I was on the faculty of Maine East for many years and I still proctor A.P. test in May. I regret never taking any music classes in college but I did take a Directing class at music camp when I was in 7th or 8th grade.

I really enjoy ringing the “old-time” hymns which my family sang as I grew up. One of my favorites is “Ivory Palaces” which is rarely found in hymnals. My sister and I play it often as a duet with me on the piano while she plays the organ. When I visit my home town we almost always play for worship.

One of my favorite bell pieces is “Peace” which we ring at the end of the Service of Remembrance each year. We now do it with choir members singing and it is such a meaningful way to end this special service.

There are many musical highlights from my years at PRCC. One special memory of mine is the choir singing the “Seven Last Words of Christ” with Jerry Butera on the organ as the music duplicates the drama of the “earth did quake and the rocks were rent and all the graves were opened wide.” Another highlight every year is the arrangement of the “Lord’s Prayer” played by the Wehman Band. The highlight for the bells is the choir and bells combining to ring/sing “Now the Green Blade Rises.”

PRCC is responsible for involving me in, what has become, a passion for handbells. In addition to ringing at PRCC, I ring in the “Random Ringers” which is a community group providing programs at libraries, retirement homes, etc.



Connection Groups

Circle 10 Gatherings

Circle 10 hosted "Swapalooza" on September! 30 women enjoyed an evening of fellowship and swapping treasures! We hope to see anyone and everyone in November for Bunco!



Kindred Spirits Café

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

Free for lunch on Tuesdays? Join us for an hour of fun and fellowship each week in Jordan Hall! Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert. Our programming changes monthly, so see the schedule below for our October plans. Email Sarah to be added to our email list:

sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

- **October 7: Celebrate October Birthdays**
- **October 14: Trivia - Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- **October 21: Bingo!**
- **October 28: Halloween Party - Wear Costumes!**

Knitting Knights

The Knitting Knights will be meeting on Monday, 10/20 in Jordan Hall at 7pm. Join us to learn how to crochet granny squares and enjoy some time together crafting. We will provide yarn and crochet hooks so just stop by to learn a new skill. Everyone is welcome!

Look for our Autumn Sale of beautiful hand-crafted items during coffee hour on Sunday, 10/26. This picture is a preview of some of the items you can look forward to purchasing. We also have baby items if you need a handmade gift for a new baby in your life.

All proceeds go to the ministries of PRCC.



SAVE THE DATE:

November 19: ABC Bunco Night
(Hosted by Circle 10)

Men's Breakfast

Thursdays at 9 am

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 am every Thursday in the Church Library. We chat about the latest news, check in with each other about life, and enjoy the absence of an agenda!

All are welcome! Join us on Zoom!



Fall News



Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 - 8:30 PM in Ellinger Transept



Join us on Wednesday nights for a study of the Prophets. We will consider the Minor and Major Prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures, in concert with Prophets here and now. What makes a prophecy a prophecy? Are there modern day prophets speaking truth to power?

We will learn from a variety of theologians using the Disciple Bible Study materials. Through DVD, scripture reading, and additional background, we will explore the meaning of these ancient texts and what they say to us today. All are welcome! We will use this study through December!

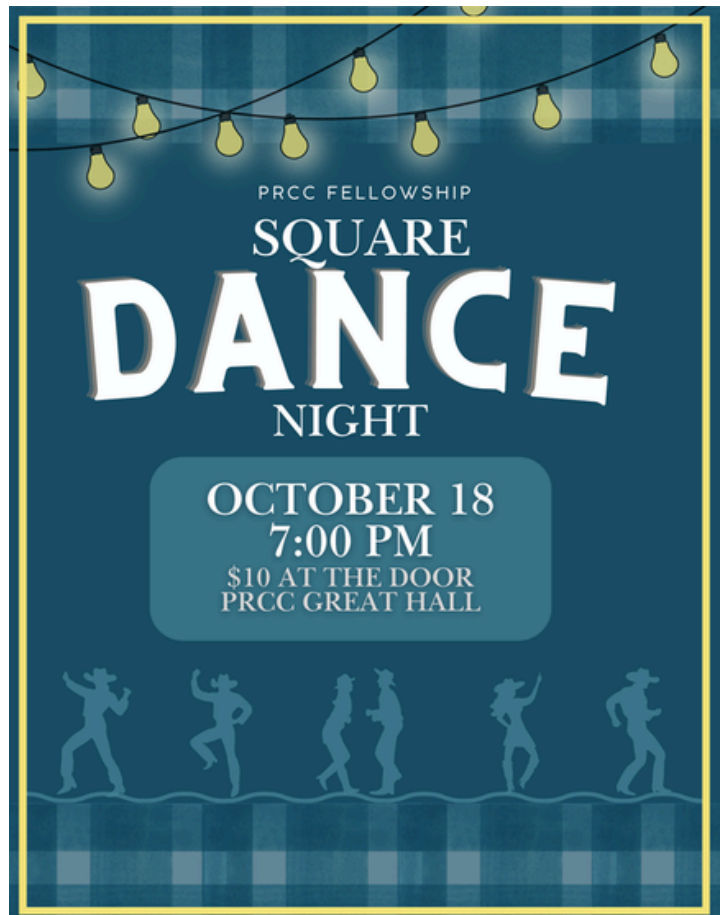


Fellowship News

The PRCC Fellowship Team invites you to a fun-filled night of Square Dancing on Friday, October 18 at 7:00 PM! Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a total beginner, come join the laughter and **LIVE** music!

\$10 per person, BYOB, and wear whatever you like—boots or sneakers, it's all about having a good time. Bring your friends and get ready to swing, twirl, and make great memories!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



Outreach News



**BECOME A
HELPER HERE!**

Helping Hands: Bridging your passions with the community's needs!

Helping Hands is all about sharing the love we have with one another in simple, practical ways. Each of us has special gifts, talents, and passions that can make a difference—whether that's cooking a meal, fixing something, offering a ride, lending an ear, or just showing up with kindness. When a request or need comes in, our Helping Hands team matches it with someone who is able to help. It's not an ongoing commitment, just an opportunity to step in when you can and share a little light. Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing care and hope one need at a time. Through this ministry, we also become a bridge to our community, sharing God's love in meaningful and tangible ways!



Kids Above All School Supplies Collection a Success!

Thanks to the generosity of PRCC individuals and families, we collected 4 wagons full of school supplies on September 7th for Kids Above All. In addition, the Outreach Committee donated \$500 towards school supplies, particularly headphones and calculators for students.

OUTREACH FOR ALL!

At PRCC we strive to provide meaningful outreach to the community and beyond! We love for ALL ages and abilities to participate in our efforts! We hope you'll serve with us soon!



Outreach News



JOIN US for a meeting and see what we're all about!

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 9th at 6:00 PM in the PRCC Parlor.

EMAIL US at outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org with questions or suggestions



Lincoln Park Community Shelter

October 2

We prepare and cook a healthy meal for approximately 35 adults who are experiencing homelessness on the first Thursday of each month. Our prep/cook time is 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. SIGN UP if you are available to help. We need 3 people to prep/cook and 1 person to deliver the prepared meal to Lincoln Park.



Loving Lunches

October 12

Please SIGN UP HERE.

We are in need of food items! Can you help?

There is an ongoing need for donations of items used to pack 160 Loving Lunches each month! We lovingly accept donations of the lunch items! Contact Paula Mack at pcbmack@gmail.com for more information or if you know an outside group or organization that would like to help.



Ronald McDonald House @ Advocate Lutheran GH

For over 50 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities has supported families of hospitalized children with lodging, meals, and comfort during their health care journey. Since 2024, PRCC's Christian Outreach Committee has provided quarterly lunches at the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and now invites others to help by contributing food or snacks through the provided WISHLIST.

Maine Township Food Pantry & Butler Place Food Pantry - Ongoing

We continue to collect food items to support this local pantry. At this time, they especially need flour, spices, condiments, jelly (no peanut butter) and canned fruit. The cart in our Butler Place serves as a drop off spot for food items as well as empty egg cartons and recyclable or paper grocery bags.



SUNDAY
NIGHT
SUPPERS!

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

1:00 PM @ Our Lady of Ransom

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER and help the PRCC Bill Zoellner Memorial Crop Walk Team meet their goal of **70 walkers raising \$12,000:**

- [REGISTER HERE](#) as a walker.
- Make a [DONATION HERE](#) to a walker or the PRCC team.
- Ask your friends for donations!
- Eat at **Portillo's on Dempster on October 8** from 5:00 PM–8:00 PM and mention Crop Walk.
- Eat at **Harp & Fiddle on October 16** from 11:00 AM–9:00 PM and mention Crop Walk.



Creation Care News

Perhaps you've heard that we have started to compost food waste at PRCC and you're wondering what that actually involves.

We are subscribing to a commercial composting service, Collective Resource Compost Cooperative. You can learn more about them and get a complete list of compostable items [HERE](#)!

Here's how to COMPOST AT PRCC:

- In the kitchens you will see compost bins lined with compostable bags for food waste, coffee grounds and other approved compostable items.
- Once the bags are full, they should be taken outside to the designated 5 gallon orange bucket located in the trash area.
- Replace a new liner bag in the kitchen counter compost bin.
- Every Monday morning the 5 gallon bucket will be picked up and replaced with a new, clean, empty one.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining our team, feel free to reach out to any of us on the creation care team.

Thanks for helping us care for creation by reducing food waste!

Jenny Sanderson, Susan Greenwood, Bob Mack, Sue Laurie, Karen Nelson, Tricia Williams



**Please note the bins are for PRCC scraps only*

Children's Ministry

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry



Sunday School News

Our Children's Ministry is back and thriving! It's been a joy to welcome our kids and teachers to Sunday School this past month. A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers: Amanda Hogle, Sydney Hollingsworth, Kate Joyce, Katie Collins, Sue Laurie, Ace Steele, Sheila Blackburn, Campbell Stewart, and Jason Hinton. We couldn't do it without you!

October is full of fun and faith-filled activities—from Trunk or Treat to Bible lessons on love and kindness. There's something for everyone as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

October 5:

Sunday School: Share God's Love

October 12:

Kids Club: Pumpkins with a Purpose

Saturday, October 18:

BLOOM: A moms and minis gathering

October 19:

Sunday School: Fruit of the Spirit

October 26:

Sunday School: The Sower

TRUNK OR TREAT 3-5

Bloom

A PRCC Moms and Babies fellowship

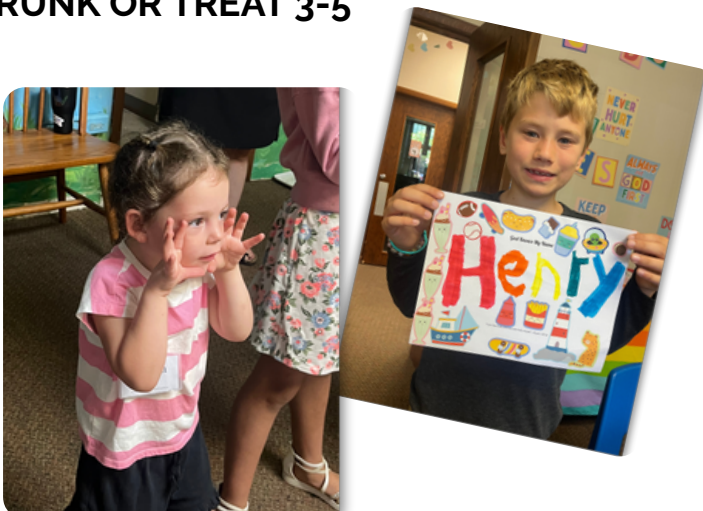
October 18
9:30-11:00

Jordan Hall & Nursery

JOIN US FOR A MOMMY & ME PLAYDATE AT PRCC!

Bring your little ones for a morning of fun and friendship. While the littles play together, moms can relax with coffee, snacks, and good conversation. It's the perfect chance to connect, laugh, and make sweet memories with your kids and community.

Any Questions? Morgan@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



Children's Ministry



PRCC's Annual Trunk or Treat 🎃

Join us on October 26th for a fun-filled afternoon of candy, costumes, and creative trunks!

👻 **Want to show off your spooky style?**

Sign up your car ASAP to join the fun and compete for prizes!

Details & registration [HERE](#).

Don't miss the most boo-tiful event of the year!

PRCC Youth 6TH-12TH GRADES



All Youth, 6th-12th grades, are invited to the annual PRCC Youth Fall Retreat! We will leave from PRCC on Nov. 1st at 8:30 AM and return on Nov. 2nd at 12:30 PM!

Cost: \$60 per person

Activities:

- Horseback Trail Ride
- Hayride
- Open Game Room
- Evening Devotions
- Morning Worship

Three meals will be provided and we will sleep in camp cabins!

Sign up by October 11th!



SIGN UP HERE!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 6-13, 2026

All youth who will have completed 6-12 grades are invited to attend a transformational service week this June! In partnership with Praying Pelican, we will serve and learn in various ways in the city of Portland, Oregon! Stay tuned for cost and registration!

PRCC Youth: 6TH-12TH GRADES



OCTOBER 5
Middle School Holy Chow
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

We will gather in the Butler Place Entry and walk Uptown for a meal together with meaningful discussion with Pastor Mollie! No money needed!



OCTOBER 12
All Youth
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Pumpkins with a Purpose
We will decorate pumpkins for Seniors and Homebound members and friends of PRCC



Wednesdays
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Open gym and homework time!
All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

Youth Choir Practice: 3:30 pm-4:45 pm



OCT. 19:
We will walk in the Crop Walk as a Confirmation Class!

colaborate



OCTOBER:
5- STAY IN WORSHIP / COMMUNION DAY
12- MATTHEW
19- MARK
26- LUKE



Celebrating Our Story

September Snapshots



RALLY DAY



KINDRED SPIRITS CANDY TOUR



STEEPLE WORK



SUNDAY SCHOOL



CHRISTIAN OUTREACH



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Our Prayer Ministry

Each new day reminds us that God's love holds us close and that prayer weaves us together as one body of faith. We rejoice alongside those who celebrate, and we offer our strength and compassion to those who walk through difficult days. With open hearts, let us bring before God the joys, concerns, and gratitude of our community, trusting that every prayer is heard and cherished. We especially remember those on our long-term prayer list:

Laura Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Ginny Feurer, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bernice Zabawski

General Prayers

- Laura S. asks for prayers for Karl as he safely climbs another summit and returns home.
- We pray for Suz S. as she seeks to faithfully serve the City of Chicago as a volunteer.
- We pray for the elected leaders of Chicago, Illinois, and our nation as they seek the strength and wisdom to make wise decisions.
- We pray for the brokenness of creation and the evil that persists throughout the world. Fill us with your grace and your steadfast love.

Joys

- We celebrate with Aunt Mary who turns 102 on 9/10 and for the birth of her great-great niece last week!
- Sharon K. is celebrating the 13th birthday of Grayce K. this week.
- We celebrate the many generations who have built and continue to build this community of faith.

Healing & Recovery

- We hold Susan G. in our prayers as she prepares for surgery on 9/9.
- Kym asks for prayers for her sister's ex-husband and for Kym's upcoming cataract surgery.
- We pray for Eleanor Anderson as she is experiencing some medical challenges. May she return to health and wholeness soon.
- Sandy asks for prayers for her sister Rosella who will have surgery.
- We hold Grace C.'s son, Evan, in our prayers as he recovers from wrist surgery following a work accident.
- We pray for all of those who had surgery recently, for healing grace to surround each one.
- Rick B. asks for prayers for his longtime friend Robin who has finished chemo and will have a mastectomy this week.
- We continue to hold Winnie E. in our prayers as she seeks treatment and relief from ongoing spinal pain.
- We pray for Kym for her upcoming cataract surgery and her brother who is dealing with leg issues.
- We give thanks for Evan C.'s continued healing after his accident.
- We hold Karen N.'s brother in prayer as he undergoes treatment for kidney cancer.
- We pray for Bill S., a friend of Laurel and Tom B., who will have surgery on Monday.

Life in the Resurrection

- We lift up the Family of Pat Thompson who entered life in the resurrection on Sept. 7.
- We hold the Orth-Zitoli family in prayer as Sam, Lois's nephew, entered life in the resurrection on Sept. 13 after a three year battle with cancer. The family is overwhelmed with gratitude for the love and support of their PRCC family.
- Kym asks for prayers for Jay, Amber, Ashley, and family as they grieve the loss of Rick.
- We hold Pastor Carol and family in our prayers as they grieve the loss of her grandmother, Mary Elise Thomas, who entered life in the resurrection on September 26.



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