



A new journey begins...



An Open and Affirming Congregation
PARKROSE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



JourneyNotes with guest writer Clay Osburn

My Friends,

Greetings, I hope all is well with you and yours. Summer is about to come to an end and we are heading into a new season. Just as the season's change that is also true with our Church community.



We are saying goodbye to our three plus year intentional interim Pastor and are calling a new settled full time Pastor. Thus, closing a chapter in the 110-year history of Parkrose and beginning a new chapter.

We can never thank a Pastor enough for what they must sacrifice to hold a congregation together. It takes courage to deal ones own emotional wear and tear and that of a congregation and community at large. The responsibility and commitment has to come from

love, it's what they have been called to do.

Pastor Dianne had to negotiate one of the toughest times in the history of our church or any other church for that matter. There is a list of trials and tribulations she has had to deal with, COVID is the obvious one but there are many more that most of us are unaware of. Parkrose has not only survived but has thrived during her tenure here. Than you so much Pastor Dianne, many well wishes for all that you have done in your many month's serving here at Parkrose. God bless you.

We have many things to be grateful for; the search committee is one of those. Their leadership was a key instrument in finding our next Pastor, Pastor Giuseppe Amato. However, because of our involvement in the community

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Pastor Giuseppe had already known about Parkrose and had his eye on us and he wanted to part of our spirit led journey.

With this new season, new opportunities will arise. I'm looking forward to what that means for all of us at Parkrose. I know the spirit will be leading us. God bless our Community.

Thank you all for your support.

Clay



Welcome Potluck

Please join us for a potluck

Sunday the
24th
of September
after worship.

Bring your favorite dish. It's a special Sunday to celebrate our new Pastor Giuseppe Amato.

All are welcome!

WE'RE ALL IN THIS *Together*



Red Cross Blood Drive Information

Monday, September 18th, 2023

12:30pm – 5:30pm

Where: Parkrose Community United
Church of Christ

Located at: 12505 NE Halsey, Portland OR
97220

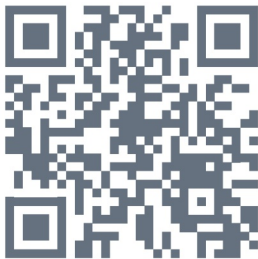
in Eastminster Hall

To make an appointment, questions about
blood donation eligibility

Please v the link below or call

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS or
1-800-733-2767

“Parkrose UCC Blood Drive”



Scan to be directed to
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an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and
save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete
your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.



SAVE THE DATE

PARKROSE COMMUNITY UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST'S

Annual
OUTDOOR CRAFTERS BAZAAR

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

10:00am - 3:00pm

Support your local artisans & small
businesses!

Seeking vendors!

Attention all crafters, woodworkers,
quilters, knitters, bakers & artists who are
interested in selling their wares.

*Space is limited so, Vendors sign up
NOW!

Our theme this year will celebrate 110 years
of our church's anniversary to service and
love with the community!

**110 YEARS OF PARKROSE
COMMUNITY LOVE**

Please contact (text/call) Erica Martin at

971-284-3872 for any questions or to
reserve your space!



News from the Community Life & Youth Ministry

Things have been busy here in the Community Life office! With the help of volunteers, we hosted our last showers to community & village folks. We assisted with WeShine's Open house, in addition to preparing summer crafts & reading materials for Sunday School. A huge honkin' Thank you to youth member, Lea Saito, Vicki Lyman (my go-to's), Clay Osburn, and the good folk over at **Union Gospel Mission**.



Summer Sunday school has been a hoot! Sunday school Participants have enjoyed lively conversations, body prayers translated into R2D2 language, prayer beads, coloring sheets frenzies & drawing tutorials, painting rocks, looking for Pokémon, checking on the bees, and playing games each week. Each week we have a mix of attendees, so we do our best to reach them spiritually wherever they are and have a little fun.

*Join us for back to Sunday school fun on **Homecoming Sunday, September 17th** Special activities and fun are being planned!



On July 12th The Youth Volunteered to help beautify the grounds at **Guide Dogs for the Blind!** We always have a good time when volunteering together. And there were loads of dogs to pet!

(Factoid: The dogs that don't graduate from the GDB program called a "Career Change"- become therapy animals for veterans, hearing dog companions for the deaf, and just good old-fashioned pets!)



Our FALL schedule is coming together quickly! Final details are being formalized. Here is a quick rundown. RSVPs are important in the planning. Want to come? PLEASE let me know.

FALL YOUTH & FAMILIES EVENTS



Saturday, Sept 2nd 5:00pm. Pizza at Pietro's (10300 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR 97222) & **Tiki Putt** at Milwaukie Wunderland. 11011 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR

Want to Carpool? Let's plan to meet at 5pm. Please get in touch with me!

Homecoming Sunday, Sunday, Sept 17th
We will kick off our Sunday school season with Fun activities together.

Youth bazaar Planning ZOOM meeting. Sunday September 24th at 3:00pm. Since it was a hit last year, we are making Cookie/brownie ingredient Jars again. The potential to have a special guest join us is strong. 😊 Will get the deets out at that meeting.

Annual Outdoor Crafter's Bazaar & Fall Festival

Saturday, October 7th from 10:00-3pm.

Want to volunteer to set up/tear down? Get in touch with Clay or Erica!
Please CONSIDER donating a raffle basket or helping with the planning of this event, again reach out to Erica or Clay.

We have items/ Baskets already being sponsored/ donated, including a wine basket, picnic basket & earth lover's basket. Additionally, Sharon E. will be donating one of her amazing, handmade quilts! 😊

Looking for a tabling event for your organization? We are seeking Community Partners for **Community Partner Corner**. FREE to participate!

Feeling musical? Looking for musicians as well to join in the fun!

Also, Baby goats have been inked!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22nd 12:30pm- til' the cows come home! (JK, more like 4pm) Family Fall Fun Day on the Farm! Let's caravan after church out to the Goodling Ranch and have a bit of fun together! RSVPs are a must! Will send details as we get closer to that date.

WeShine & Community Update!

There SO much is going on with the village and some fabulous upcoming opportunities.

Parkrose UCC and WeShine hosted our last shower services and celebrated our partnership with **Union Gospel Mission (UGM)**. The communal pods are fully up and operational in the village. This has been an amazing opportunity to build relationship with WeShine and our community.

I have met with the folks at **Cultivate Initiative** and discussed keeping shower and outreach services here at Parkrose UCC for the time being. This will allow for the word to get out that and build momentum. Want to help us spread the word? See Erica for a flyer to pass out to folks.

We look forward to amazing season of growth, new pastoral leadership, continued spiritual journeys, new ventures partnerships to seek as well as togetherness. We have much to be thankful for.

Go where wonder grows, my friends.

*Erica M. Martin (she/hers)
Community Life & Youth Ministry Ldr
Parkrose Community UCC*



KEEP CONNECTED:

Don't forget to call your church friends, especially those who do not receive these electronic messages. This is one simple way we can stay connected during this time.

September Birthdays

Christy Strong	09/01
Sally Gaudina	09/02
A.J. Wong	09/07
Tanya Putman	09/14
Camie Pugsley	09/15
Walter Lersch	09/16
Peggy Moyer	09/20
Bekki Van Benthuisen	09/24
Colton Van Benthuisen	09/25
Carl Johnson	09/30
Violet Hohnstein	09/30

October Birthdays

Diane Mattox	10/01
Nolan Bechtel	10/01
Diana Bower	10/03
Karla Mangalindan	10/07
Florence Lersch	10/07
Kirsten Wageman	10/08
Mike McKee	10/08
Russell Martin	10/09
Carrie Aguilar	10/11
Elizabeth Durant	10/16
Nancy Ward	10/19
Judi Allen	10/22
Melba Chichester	10/24

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TESTIMONIES, NOT TESTS OF THE FAITH

The United Church of Christ embraces a theological heritage that affirms the Bible as the authoritative witness to the Word of God, the creeds of the ecumenical councils, and the confessions of the Reformation. The UCC has roots in the "covenantal" tradition—meaning there is no centralized authority or hierarchy that can impose any doctrine or form of worship on its members. Christ alone is Head of the church. We seek a balance between freedom of conscience and accountability to the apostolic faith. The UCC therefore receives the historic creeds and confessions of our ancestors as testimonies, but not tests of the faith.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING



In Galatians 3.28 we are reminded that despite our differences we are all "one in Christ Jesus." Therefore, we, the people of Parkrose Community United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be open and affirming. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, religious, political or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation. This is God's church and no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.