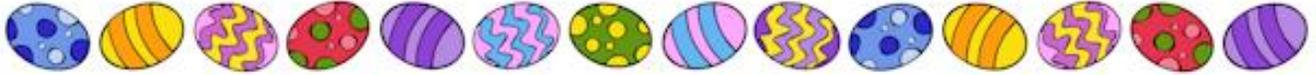


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Our Deepest Fear by Pastor Kathy Itzin

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.

We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you *not* to be?
You are a child of God.

Your playing small
Does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking
So that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine,
As children do.
We were born to make manifest
The glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us;
It's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we're liberated from our own fear,
Our presence automatically liberates others.

- Marianne Williamson, from her book *A Return to Love*

'Noor Kids' is a children's Muslim identity and confidence building program. Amin Aaser, the Executive Director of Noor Kids, wrote an article in the Star Tribune this week. She talked about the difficulty of growing up as a Muslim girl in America after 9/11. As she grew up as one of the few Muslims in a predominantly Christian school, one of her teachers took a special interest in encouraging and helping her. This teacher gave her a copy of the poem above.

This speaks to us as Christians, and as people of (any) faith. We believe that God created us, and continues to create us as we grow in becoming more confident, and more holy. It is a gift, and a responsibility to recognize it in ourselves. It is also a gift and responsibility to encourage and reaffirm it in others. Our Muslim friends may be feeling especially vulnerable these days. Aside from the issues of faith and culture, most people carry burdens we don't know. Don't be afraid to share your power of compassion, kindness and love. You are a holy offspring of God!

April Scriptures

April 7 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-21 (I am about to do a new thing!)

John 12: 1-8 (Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume, and wipes them with her hair)

April 14 PALM SUNDAY AND CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29 (Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!...This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!)

Luke 19: 28-40 (Jesus enters Jerusalem, riding a colt)

Maundy Thursday April 18 SHARED SERVICE AT ROBBINSDALE 6:30 DINNER MOVING INTO 7:00 SERVICE

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 (Jesus shares the bread and wine at the Last Supper)

John 13: 1-36 (Jesus washes the disciples' feet at the Last Supper)

Good Friday, April 19 SHARED SERVICE AT ROBBINSDALE 7:00

John 18: 1-19: 42 (Story of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, and death)

April 21 EASTER SUNDAY

Isaiah 65: 17-25 (Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating...)

John 20: 1-18 (Early in the morning, when it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb...)

April 28 Second Sunday of Easter

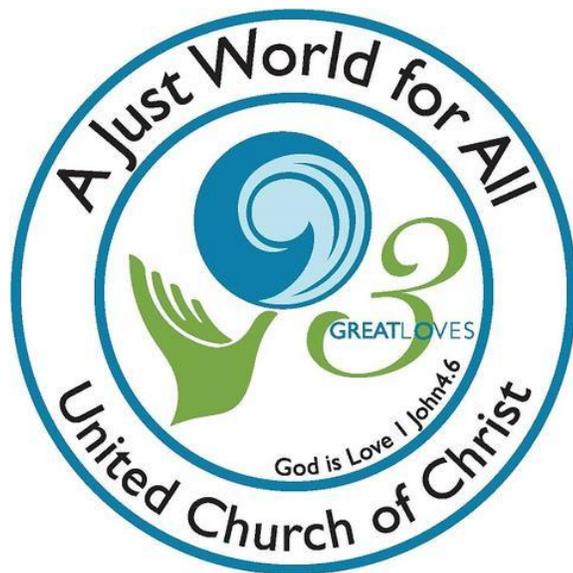
Psalms 150 (Praise God! Praise God with strings and trumpet, with cymbals and dancing, let everything that breathes praise the Lord!)

John 20: 19-31 (Jesus appears to the disciples, then later to Thomas)

Out to Lunch Bunch and Pilgrim Guild

The Out to Lunch Bunch has decided to join Robbinsdale for the resurrected Leisure Age group on Thursday, April 11th at Robbinsdale. While the original group folded a couple years ago, residents of Copperfield and members at Robbinsdale decided to resurrect the program! The new improved Leisure Age meets the second Thursday of each month, always at Robbinsdale. Cards and games are combined with social hour from 11:00 – 12:00, followed by a good noon luncheon with a cost of \$5. A program is provided after that. On April 11th, this will be music by Shawn Sweeney. Please let Kathy or Char know, or RSVP for Leisure Age at (763) 277-1001 or email choes@copperfieldhill.com.

Pilgrim Guild is the RUCC equivalent of our Out to Lunch Bunch. Pilgrim Guild meets at Robbinsdale at 12:00 noon on the second Tuesday of each month. We visit and enjoy a special dessert often followed by a short educational program. Many of us Parkway people joined the RUCC folks in March, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Robbinsdale made it very clear that we are welcome every time! Let's join in again on Tuesday, April 9th. Please let Kathy or Char know if you are likely to come, so that they know to set up enough chairs. Call the office at (612) 522-2982.



3 Great Loves – a Just World for All

by Dianne Star

The 3 Great Loves campaign of the UCC is an opportunity for all of us to express our Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation by working together to address the inequities in our world. This is a 2-year initiative, and the UCC is providing resources for and seeking stories of how we are living out God's love in our world. Stories can be shared at www.ucc.org/3greatloves, or on Facebook, or on Instagram and Twitter using #3greatloves in the post.

For 2019, the UCC printed "Just Act," a daily action calendar for creating a just world for all. At the beginning of each month, some of the actions for the month will be posted on the bulletin board by the Love of Neighbor poster. Use these actions as a resource for your ideas and actions about making a Just World for All.

Here are some other actions from the April calendar:

- Knit or crochet stocking caps and scarves for the homeless. (You can donate them to the Christmas tree at church in December.)
- Build a window planter and plant a food product you can share. (You can also volunteer with the Food Group at Robbinsdale UCC and work in their Community Garden.)
- Never too early to think about voter rights and voter registration drives: check out "Our Faith Our Vote" at ucc.org/ourfaithourvote.
- Create a space for your spiritual practice that inspires your journey to God.
- Dream up plans for the coming months and journal about a future that embodies justice for all and gives you hope. (What are your visions or dreams for the future church?)

Just Act!

Parkway Courier

Charlene Merz, Editor

The deadline for the May Courier is April 18.

Please bring your articles to the church office or email them to Parkwayucc@gmail.com

All articles are appreciated!

Holy Week Services!

Don't forget the **Congregational Meeting & Vote at Parkway after service on Palm Sunday, April 14th!**

Remember the great Maundy Thursday dinner and service Parkway hosted last year? Robbinsdale UCC is returning the favor by inviting us to join them for a shared Mid-eastern dinner and service starting at 6:30. If it's anything like last year, it will be moving, faith and relationship building, and powerful. Plus, there is delicious food. **Thursday, April 18th, 6:30 dinner and service at RUCC!**

Good Friday is celebrated every year at RUCC. There is no dinner, but the shared service will begin at **7:00, Good Friday, April 19th.** Come, commemorate this day with our friends and family!

Both churches will have separate Easter services. Come, enjoy the beautiful Easter service celebration at Parkway!

Lenten Program Tuesday, April 2

Soup Supper with T. Michael and Morgan Rock! Come to our last Lenten soup supper and speakers on TUESDAY, April 2nd. T. Michael and his wife Morgan, will be here to tell us about themselves and their family. Morgan is a nurse and belongs to a Unitarian congregation. Come, get to know them! Dinner at 6:15 followed by program at 7:00. Sign up to bring soup, bread, or dessert!

Flowers for Easter

Spring is here and it's time to fill our sanctuary with the color from beautiful Easter plants. The deadline for ordering is April 8th, but orders can still be added up to the 15th. If you order after the 8th, there is no guarantee that you will get the flowers requested, but something beautiful will be substituted. You can take your flowers home on Easter Sunday. The plants are 6 inch pots, \$13.50 for Begonias, Lilys, Kalanchoes, and Daisy Mums. \$19.50 for Azaleas and Hydrangeas. If you can't make it to church and want to place an order, please call us at 612-522-2982.



News of the Boards

The Board of Community Outreach - The board did not meet in March.

Board of Diaconate – The board met by phone to discuss Linger Lunch.

Board of Finance – The board met on March 13. The pledges to date were discussed. They are down a little due to us meeting at Robbinsdale for two Sundays and one snow day. Char will make an announcement during one of the upcoming services reminding folks to take a look and make sure their pledge is up to date. The Endowment Fund is holding steady, but we will need to take some to cover extra expenses coming in the Spring.

Council met on February 21.

Our Lenten Programs have gone very well. We will have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services at Robbinsdale. A Talent/No Talent Show will be at Robbinsdale on Sunday, March 31.

Board of Property: Since the Council meeting, CenterPoint Energy came to install a new gas meter on the outside of the building.

The Council discussed some internal business.



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| 8 | Trevor Lewis | 27 | Christine Ouellette |
| 22 | Pat Durand | 28 | Pat Stone |
| 26 | Lester Boerger | 29 | Dave Hendel |
| | | 29 | Evie Thompson |

April Coffee Hour: Board of Faith Formation

April Drivers

- 7 Dave Hendel
- 14 Char Merz
- 21 Dave Hendel
- 28 Char Merz

Flowers

- 7 Open
- 14 Open
- 21 Easter flowers
- 28 Open

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HAPPY/THANKFUL OFFERINGS

We are offering this gift because we are happy and/or thankful for:

March 10, 2019

For wonderful neighbors getting my car unstuck from the snow.
-Kathleen

Beauty and Benefits of snow. Thanks for another cardio Sunday.
-David Goettsch

Waking up, breathing, and sun today. So Beautiful!
-Anonymous

Roses are red, violets are fine, in Mars years you're just 39. I love you Phil!
-Bonnie

The blessings God gave to help Alejandro in his recovery from surgery while passing his citizenship test and interview. And for maintaining straight A's in school! And, Alex, I see more in you.
-Patrick

March 17, 2019

For being healthy. For friend Christine doing better every day. All of Parkway's prayers to help us.
-Kathleen

For shelter and for family.
-Cole

For the love of my life, Carol Anderson's birthday!
-Kathy Itzin

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our mini food shelf during March's Food Share month. It is greatly appreciated and helps us provide food for those in need.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Gerry Hartley

Rose Marie Lund – (Durand's daughter)

Kay Leerssen

Marlene Mars

Harriet Thompson

Parkway Church

Eunice Shore

Brett Sprague

Laura Mylan - (Friend of Janet Zahn)

Jan Schwarz

Sheryl Griefe - (Friend of Dick and Nancy)

Bob Freeman - (Cancer surgery)

Bob Dooley - (Lu Senescall's son-in-law)

Lisa Flynn - (Carol Anderson's niece)

Stacy Bollich – (Sharon Chafin's daughter)

Mindy Miller - (Boerger's granddaughter)

Veralyn and Dennis Bash - (sister and brother-in-law of Lester Boerger)

Paul and Donita Boerger - (Lester Boerger's parents)

Sandy Thompson - (Bob and Evie Thompson's daughter-in-law)

Emil Makinen – (Jim Jarvimaki's brother-in-law)

Chris Murphy - (Nephew of Tom and Kathy Malaske)

Judy Oelkers - (Pat Durand's cousin)

Jim Jarvimaki

Sarah Billington – (Alexandra's mother)

A.J. Houle - (Dick and Nancy Larson's son-in-law)

Terry Nolan

Kathy Malaske

James Karst

Richard Hartfiel - (Julie Hartfiel's father-in-law)

Greg Lipelt - (Todd Lipelt's brother)

Brad & Laurie Jones

Bill Morrison

Ken Gaines

Jim and Margaret Heglund

Paula and her family

Celeste Barrett - (Friend of Bonnie McClain)

Theresa Carr - (Friend of Bonnie McClain)

If I Told You

Written by Ro Shanklin, May 2, 2018

People, immigration, borders without walls, these are my thoughts because we all have a story to tell.

- If I told you that I'm a southern black man, born in Jackson, Tennessee, 85 miles from Memphis, where Martin Luther King was assassinated, would you hold it against me?
- If I told you I'm from a family of twelve, with eight sisters and three brothers, and I love and respect women, would you welcome me as one of your family?
- If I told you my DNA ancestry says I'm 25% Ivory Coast and Ghanaian, 23% from Cameroon and Congo, 18% Nigerian, 13% Senegalese, 6% Benin and Togolese, 3% United Kingdom, and 12% other regions, would you shelter me?
- If I told you I have a niece with HIV, a friend with AIDS, and that I've had substance abuse and homelessness issues, would you shun me?
- If I told you I'm a Christian, who calls Native Americans, Muslims, Jews, Europeans, Asians, Mexicans, Buddhists, Hindus, agnostics and atheists all of whom have been given the breath of life, my friends, would you call me brother?
- When green card holders, DACA families and immigrants of any status are in jeopardy of being sent away to a place, that for many, would be foreign lands, would you harbor them? Would you harbor me?



Happy Mother's Day, St. Anne's Place

By Nancy Larson for the Board of Community Outreach



This year, May 12 is Mother's Day, and the children at St. Anne's Place will be giving their own moms gifts on that day, thanks to you at Parkway UCC. Each year we buy NEW items for that purpose, and any extras are kept by them and passed on to moms who arrive during other times of the year.

This is a wonderful "day brightener" in what can be a very trying time in their family life. This homeless shelter houses 16 mothers and their children for periods of 1 1/2 - 3 months. During this time they work with computers, learn to navigate the social service system, take parenting classes, and maybe find a job. Always the goal is to become independent in the future.

This is a very special service provided on the Northside and we are grateful God has drawn us to this unique community to help in any way we can.

Here are some gift suggestions

Perfumes
Press on nail kits
Loofas
Lotions scented/unscented
Jewelry
Charcoal face masks or other types
Essential oils

Suggested Shopping Places

Bath and Body Works
Target
Dollar Stores
Drug Stores
Or your favorite place

NOTE: NO NAIL POLISH OR SHAMPOO

Please put the gifts in the crib by Tuesday, May 7. If you are unable to shop, we will be happy to help; but please not at the last minute!

We are serving the Northside in Christian love!

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Carolyn Hendel, Bell Choir Director

Molly Merz, Custodian

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 p.m. Victory AA	2 10 a.m. Adult Class 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Program	3 6 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir Practice	4	5	6 12-5 pm Social Hall Reserved
7 10 a.m. Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11 a.m. Coffee Hour 12:30 CWOW	8 7 p.m. Victory AA Easter flower order deadline	9 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 noon Pilgrim Guild at Robbinsdale	10 6 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir Practice	11 11 a.m. Leisure Age at Robbinsdale	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 10 a.m. Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 Congo. Vote	15 7 p.m. Victory AA	16 10 a.m. Bible Study	17 6 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir Practice	18 Maundy Thursday at Robbinsdale UCC 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Service to follow	19 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Service at Robbinsdale UCC	20
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