



# **Cherokee Park United Church**

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Welcoming people of all ages, sexual orientations,  
races, and ethnic origins*

A Progressive Congregation  
Theological Elbow Room  
Global Music  
Community Connected  
Kid Friendly

***Newsletter June 2018***

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30 Choir 6:30 pm	31	1 JUNE	2
3 -Food Collection 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.....	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship starts time change to 9:30 am	11	12 Outreach 7 pm	13	14 Council 7 pm	15	16
17 Lay Min mtg after fell'ship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 JULY -Food Collection	2	3	4	5 Loaves & Fishes**	6	7
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### Looking Further Ahead

June 10, Pastor Joy gone to UCC Annual Meeting.

*Rev. Sandy Dodson* will be preaching.

July 22, Worship in the Park

September 16, Covenanting Sunday

October 26-27, Women's Retreat

\*\*Loaves & Fishes first Thursday of the odd numbered months

## *Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Us!*

On June 2, 1968, Cherokee Heights Presbyterian and St. John's Evangelical Churches combined into the newly named Cherokee Park United Church. (The original Presbyterian church, the north half of the present building, was built 100 years ago.) Jackie Rico and Dave Hoppe also mark their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of membership. In celebration we dine together **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, again enjoying a roast beef dinner organized by chefs Jim and Karen Shatek and the Property Management Ministry. Help is needed with both small and larger tasks, from picking up the cake from Cub to mashing the 'taters, to scooping ice cream. Please let Susan know if you can help.

**Worship Start Time Changes** to 9:30 a.m. starting Sunday, **June 10**

## *Gifts and Interest Survey*

The annual canvas of people's Gifts and Interests at CPUC goes online this year! Please bring your electronic devices on Anniversary Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A link will be sent so you can access the form and complete it electronically at church that day! There will be paper copies available, also. Even if you are currently serving on a Ministry Team or in a special role, the Lay Ministry Team asks you to complete the survey, due June 17. Please be thinking and praying about how you can share your life and talents in the 2018-2019 program year. Thanks for service!

## *Rainbow Banner Graces South Lawn*

The Outreach and Property Management Ministry Teams purchased and installed a rainbow banner on the Baker street side of the church building. A ceremony blessing the new flag will take place during a worship service soon. This visible sign of our welcome for all – especially LBGTQI folks– will hopefully attract some visitors this summer. Please be ready to engage and welcome them into the life and fellowship at Cherokee Park United. Thanks to Jim, Kelly, and Bob Hop for designing the sturdy pole system that will hopefully withstand challenging Minnesota weather.



## *Notes From Pastor Joy.*

Greetings, Members and Friends,

If you have not been around or noticed, CPUC has been busy preparing a path for a settled pastor. I have listed a few – though much more has been in the works! New and refreshed ministries are being explored and

executed: Intentional engagement with the Westside; considering partnerships with other group serving the neighborhood; updated ministry teams; National Night Out, new colorful t-shirts that represent the open and affirming

life style at CPUC, a rainbow flag outside the church! And even a new boiler, that is better for the environment and keeping us warm in the winter.



CPUC is moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with updated technology. The Church now uses Google calendars and documents. FaceBook Page has been created and connects with a broader public. And soon to come is an updated website that is more current and user friendly.

The Sacred Space Ministry is engaged with a variety of creative ways to make our spaces more welcoming and appealing to everyone. They are visiting other churches and talking to artists. The group has renewed energy and vision.

The Vision and Mission Statement and identification of Core Values is still in process. And lively conversations are taking place to sharpen and clarify “who is CPUC?” If you have not provided your input – plan to participate in an upcoming meeting.

Nominations are being received for individuals interested in serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider those members and yourself who will serve CPUC well to select a new pastor.

Last Sunday, we celebrated and “confirmed” (not conformed) Eli Wovcha-Conrad, Jaime Dodson, Mia Morrison and Liv Larsen. CPUC has been a significant part of their lives and they recognize it. The transition work is very important so that you will continue to provide safe places for youth to explore expressions of faith.

Remember, the transition work is not done, yet. Your Transition Team is helping you to address tasks that will only make you better. Thank you for your courage and support during new and times of challenge.



May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds, in the battles of the day and the anxieties of the night. May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds when folks are unreasonable and circumstances challenge you. May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds when those you love misunderstand and fail to appreciate. May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds when the pressure's too great and threatens to overwhelm you. May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds when mountains and mole hills all look alike. May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds, because of Jesus, and his extraordinary compassion.



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Pastor Joy

***The Outreach Ministry Team*** will meet on Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Jill Jackson.

***The Lay Ministry team*** will meet on Sunday, June 17 at church after worship and fellowship.

### ***Come March with CPUC at PRIDE!***

We again plan to march in the Pride Parade, Sunday, June 24, in downtown Minneapolis. We are coordinating our participation through the MN Conference of the UCC. Details are still forthcoming as to the time and place to meet. A group will probably leave from church (perhaps a bit early!) that morning. Please watch June bulletins or contact Jill Jackson with questions. Get your colorful church T-shirts ready!



### ***Heating System – It's a Go!***

Our contact and installation supervisor, Bob Kampa, is shown here with Jim and Kelly after the signing of our contract with Snelling Co. Bob and crew will be in and out of the building in June and July.

### ***Food (not just) for Thought***

Please consider organizing set-up, snacks, **and/or** cleanup for fellowship hour any Sunday.



The sign-up binder is located on a table in Fellowship Hall. All dates starting with June are open.

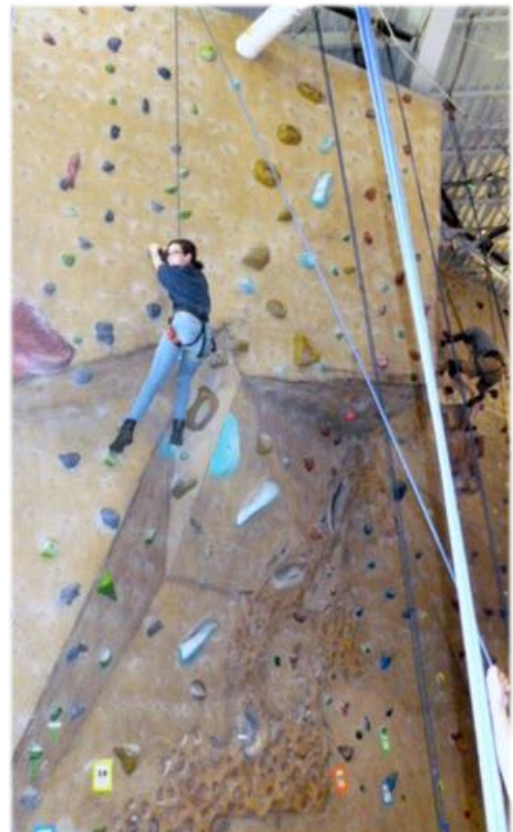


## *Council Corner Highlights – May Meeting 2018*

- ✚ We welcomed Jaime Dodson, Mia Morrison and Eli Conrod-Wovcha for an informal discussion of their confirmation program experience. They asked the Council members questions, too! We were sorry Liv Larsen had to work that evening. We looked forward to welcoming these wonderful young people into full membership on May 20.
- ✚ We discussed the process for recruiting, selecting, and confirming the members of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The Council will select the people for the PNC at their June meeting and there will be a congregational meeting to approve the PNC members as they start working on our behalf.
- ✚ The Transition Team brought a draft of a six-month contract for Pastor Joy for the Council to review. Her contract is up for renewal in June.
- ✚ Susan Strebig reported on behalf of the Property Management Ministry that the one half down deposit on the new boiler has been paid. The ministry is working with the heating contractor and Xcel Energy on some final details. Please remember to pay your pledges for the Heating System Capital Campaign.
- ✚ Karen Shatek reports that about half of the pledge monies have been coming in as scheduled and a reminder letter will be sent out to the others.



*Youth  
Group  
Wall  
Climbing*







## Cinco de Mayo

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Outreach and Seeds of Resistance Ministries, our church was well and colorfully represented in the parade. Winnie's Saturday session on tying our new shirts resulted in a great expression of our rainbow support; she also dyed extra fabric which was made into liturgical paraments by Kathy Bergthold – you will notice them on the communion altar and lecterns.



**A Story** – Many young adults (former 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Building Block pupils) greeted Mrs. Jackson during the parade. A young woman came running up to Jill at the parade and gave her a big hug saying, “I’ll graduate from St Olaf next week!” A thrilling story about God at work among us.

## Spring Clean-Up Fix-Up Day

Property Management Ministry thanks all who gave their Saturday and energies to various fix-ups in and outside the church and for the huge landscape clean-up. Pictured is some of the landscape crew and half of the 20 bags (600 gallons) of leaves and dead plant material taken to the compost site. To be even more environmentally-conscious, the compostable bags were emptied there and brought back to be used again!





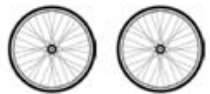
## *Saving Public Art*

West Side public artist (and part of CPUC) Kristin Rafferty and family are meeting with St. Paul City Councilmember Rebecca Noecker (and others) on Tuesday, **June 5th at Taco House from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.** The purpose of the discussion involves preserving West Side's public art. Pictured is "El Midwest Canto al

Pueblo" (Song of the People) located at 176 Cesar Chavez St. This mural is on a building that currently belongs to Boost Mobile, and seemed to be at risk of being taken down, although a few phone calls may have saved it. However, the mural next to it now sports various Mobile parking signs which is a concern. The West Side has a rich history of public art. Please feel free to join this discussion and If possible, RSVP to Kristin Rafferty so she has an idea of who to expect. [raffertydesign@gmail.com](mailto:raffertydesign@gmail.com)

<https://youtu.be/aOcx8vDp1nI> El Midwest Canto al Pueblo YouTube – Dec 2010

## THE 6TH ANNUAL



## CYCLES FOR CHANGE

Cherokee Park United Church is partnering with WSCO for this bike-a-thon fundraising event for WSCO and Cycles for Change. We will ride bikes on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Kelley's

Landing Pavilion at Harriet Island in St. Paul, MN! Wear your colorful new CPUC t-shirts and gather at 10 a.m.!

We created the Wheels for WSCO team because CPUC's new mission calls us to partner with our neighbors as we build God's vision of the world. We're excited that young and old will be able to join in this event! Registration is only \$15 to ride an 8-mile route through the beautiful Harriet Island region of St. Paul and we also have 5 free registrations available for people who wish to ride, but don't have the extra 15 bucks this month. Kindly contact Joy Sorensen Navarre to get one. Click [here](#) to register to ride with our CPUC "Wheels for WSCO" team!

NOTE: Non-bike-riders are welcome to [sponsor](#) us with a gift of any size and to join us for lunch at noon at the Pavilion! More information: [sorensenavarr@gmail.com](mailto:sorensenavarr@gmail.com)



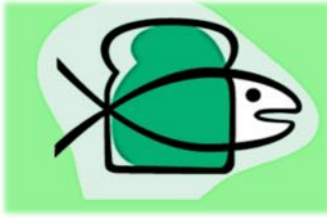
## Confirmation - A Morning of Spirit-Filled Love

Quite a few tears were shed seeing these young people leading our Sunday service. The sermon was their shared statements of faith which reflect their honest assessment about the who, what, and why's of God, Jesus, and Church. We are proud they are a part of this church which confirms, not conforms. Pastor Joy has lovingly led them in various spiritual exercises to work up to this point, and they will continue their growth with an upcoming mission trip June 15-18 and further activities with their mentors. The service concluded with this very touching musical blessing led by Winnie and Jerry Williams, (prompting many more tears.)

*'We pray that God would fill your hearts with dreams, and that faith gives you the courage to dare to do great things. We're here for you whatever this life brings, so let our love give you roots, and help you find your wings.'*



## Loaves and Fishes – in need of “loaves” and “fishes”



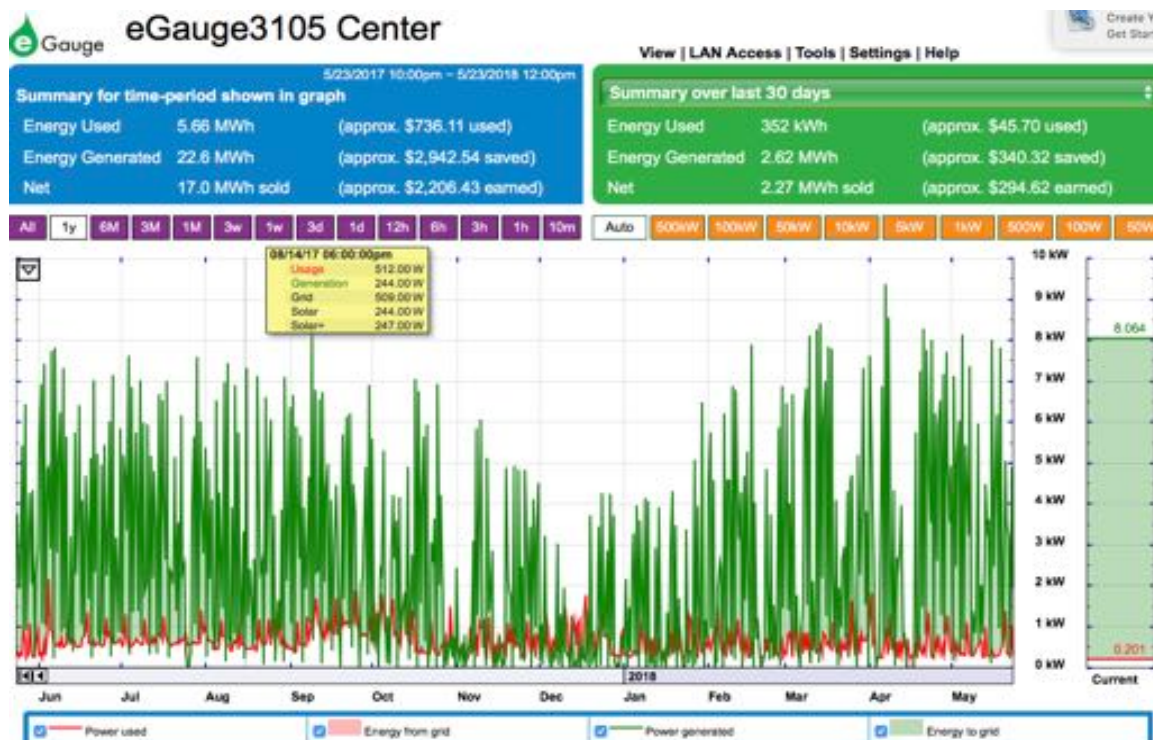
The Easter Sunday “Communion” envelope is usually designated as our annual funding source but we forgot to remind everyone this year. So anything you can give to help this ministry is most appreciated. Designate “L & F” on your check or envelope in the plate, anytime. We feed about 100 people six times a year spending about \$180 each time.

## Making Money on Our Roof

The solar panels on our roof produce enough electricity on a sunny day to provide for our own electric needs plus excess kWh to sell back to Xcel. Check this website for a live picture of the energy being used and generated and a handy computation of the income for we are being credited. Starting on January 2017 we owned the panels and any excess kWh generated are now credited to us. Thanks to Tom Murphy and the Property Management Ministry for the hundreds of hours they volunteered in 2012 to hire Sundial Solar Co. and supervise this project. This snapshot shows our generated electricity (green) and our usage (red). In the past 12 months we generated 22.6 MWh, used 5.66 MWh, and were paid \$2,200 for the excess.



<http://egaug3105.egaug.es>



## **Nomination Form for CPUC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**

(This form will also be available in the next worship bulletin, in the next emailed weekend update, and from Pastor Joy or a council member.)

The Council will send additional questions to those nominated and from that returned information will choose a slate of nominations to be voted on at a Congregational Meeting. Please remember, not everyone who is nominated will serve on the PNC as a group will be created that encompasses the full spectrum of membership from young to old, newer and long-time members, gender and cultural representation, etc.

There is a basket is at church for your forms which are due by May 31. Only the Council will see them.

Thank you for sharing in the life of Cherokee Park United Church at such an important crossroads. Please pray, reflect, and discern if this is where God is calling you. Peace for the journey.

1) Name of Nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
(Be sure the individual has agreed to be nominated)

2) Please list the reasons why the nominee is a good choice to serve on the PNC:

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Without your signature, the nomination will not be considered.)

Thank you,  
The Council



**Cherokee Park United Church**

United Church of Christ/Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Open & Affirming, Multicultural, Antiracist

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Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

**Summer: starting June 10, 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. Joy Smith - Interim Pastor

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*If diversity bothers you,  
perhaps you were born on the wrong planet.*