

CROSS & FLAME

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Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in
your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation
- Psalm 25:4-5a



Little Blessings
Preschool & Kindergarten

Looking Forward

Dear Friends,

First and foremost, Bob and I thank you for your gracious and hospitable welcome! We have received so many kind words, cards, and sentiments over the past months of preparation and arrival. Thank you! Please continue to wear your name tags because it really makes a difference in our ability to meet and greet you by name. Very soon we will be settled in our new home in Parker and will begin to work with the Staff Parish team to set up some small group settings where we can get to know each other beyond first names and Sunday smiles.

I am excited to be with you and serving alongside you. This is a tremendous church with amazing opportunities waiting to take hold!

I have quickly seen that great ministry is already a staple of the Parker church family. Over the summer, our youth participated in mission trips, VBS welcomed over 300 children, our staff and lay leadership maintained a steady church during the pastoral transition. As I write this, teachers are readying their classrooms as The Little Blessings Preschool gears up for their 21st year serving the greater Parker community. Soon, churches including PUMC will be packing thousands of meals to be distributed through the Feed My Starving Children organization. An all-church picnic is being planned, Bible studies are gearing up and our upcoming sermon series will springboard us into a renewed season of prayer at Parker UMC. Let's see what God's Holy Spirit is stirring up for the next season in our church.

I don't know if you noticed, but being new to Parker I will state the obvious: everywhere I look there is new construction! New homes, townhomes, condos and apartments are popping up everywhere. Now as a newcomer to a fast growing area, I know such explosive growth can be hard for longtime residents. I certainly understand the headaches that come from increasing population. As a new resident, however, I also see the glass half full. As I look at all the new builds and envision those who will shortly occupy new homes I envision the difference Jesus could make in people's lives. This "envisioning" is actually a form of prayer. As you find yourself driving through the streets of our town, pray for all the unnamed people who may have no one praying for them. They are in transition, a naturally stressful time, and you may be the only one praying for them. Here is a prayer to use: "Oh, Lord, be with the families, the young adults, the newlyweds and the empty nesters who will be moving into these homes. Show me how I can help our new residents see your face. Lead me to the ones you can reach through me. Let me be part of what you want to do next." Friends, prayer and awareness can lead us into amazing God adventures.

See you in worship and may God bring blessings to your home,

Pastor Barb

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

Activities and offerings for kids of all ages



FREE Showing “Screenagers, The Documentary”

‘Screenagers: How Much Screen Time is Healthy?’ is a documentary by Physician and mother of two Dr. Delaney Ruston. Sunday, August 26th we will be offering a light meal at 5 PM, the movie will begin at 5:45, break out groups for discussion will be offered following the movie. Nursery provided for ages 5 and under. Please RSVP using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4eaaa72ea3fd0-screenagers>.



Trunk or Treat! A New Event at PUMC!

Trunk-or-treat brings Halloween to parking lots where kids go from car to car and get candy. This fun event provides families with an alternative to trick-or-treating door-to-door. We need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and people to donate candy. Join us October 28th from 4-5 pm for some Halloween fun! For more information or ways to volunteer please contact Noelle@ParkerUMC.org

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth activities are open to students grades 6-12



Mini Retreat Just for 6th Graders

On August 24th all sixth graders are invited to attend a one-night mini retreat with April Kauffman and Cori Fitzpatrick to Littleton UMC's retreat building. As you transition from pre-teens to youth, we want you to get to know each other better and April would like to get to know you as well! Please take this bulletin with you and email April for more info. Or to sign up, please use: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba5a62da31-6thgrade>



Volunteers Needed to Connect With Youth

Do you have 4-5 Sundays a year that you could visit with the youth at 9:30 Sunday mornings? We could use a few more leaders for Sunday School for this year.

We begin together and then break out for discussion. You can choose middle school or high schoolers. We just need help in leading our discussion time. If you think you may be interested (or if you know you are), please sign up at the information desk, or reach out to April@ParkerUMC.org.

Youth News Is Always Available

Our calendar can always be found at the top of the Youth News Rack located in the narthex. It's always on lime green paper.

If you'd like to receive weekly Youth Happenings Emails about everything going on, please email or call April in the church office. April@ParkerUMC.org or call 303-841-3979 to be put on the email list.

MISSIONS

Serving our community, our nation, and our world

Pine Ridge Reservation

MISSION TRIP

Work hand-in-hand with our Lakota brothers and sisters

Adult Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Reservation

The week of September 15-21, PUMC will be sending a team to Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation. Total cost of the trip is \$100/team member and includes all transportation, food and lodging expenses. No special skills are required. We do light construction and interact with the people of the reservation every day. If you are interested in a memorable experience join our team! For more information contact Ken Smith at kennethgsmiith@aol.com or 303-805-5162.



Gearing Up for August to Pack 500,000 Meals

This year our Feed My Starving Children team hopes to feed more children than ever before. To do this we've moved up our packing dates to August and partnered with Crossroads Community Church. If you would like to learn more about this year's pack please visit parkerpack.org. It takes a lot of volunteers to pack the meals and a lot of funding to purchase them. Keep your eyes and ears open for fundraising opportunities as the date approaches!



Volunteers and Financial Donations Still Needed for MobilePack

This year's MobilePack is August 17-18! Thanks to your generosity we are very close to meeting both our financial and volunteer goals. Here's what we need:

- 335 volunteers still needed, especially for setup on Friday from 1-2 p.m.*
- \$7,008 still needed to purchase food*
- 1 more shift leader needed for Saturday*
- Set-up and clean-up volunteers*

*These were the needs at time of publishing. For current needs visit parkerpack.org.



Our 2019 Mission Trip to Haiti is March 17-24

Sign Up before February 1, 2019
to reserve your spot.
Email wendy.white.haiti@gmail.com

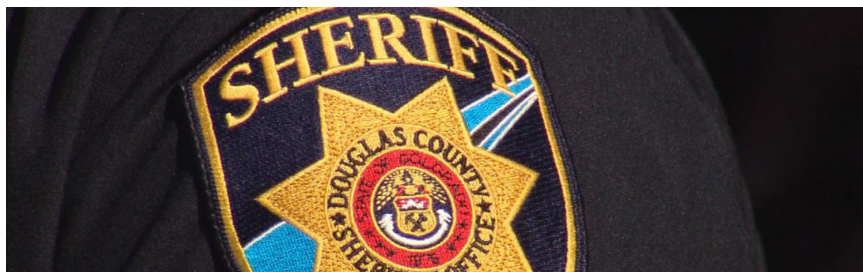
Come join us for a week of serving at Respire
Haiti Christian School and Medical Clinic.

Book Your Spot for our 2019 Haiti Trip

We know it's only August but we also know how busy schedules get, how quickly spots fill up on your calendar. That's why we've set the dates so early for our mission trip to Respire Haiti. If you are interested in serving for one week in Gressier, Haiti at the school and medical clinic please email wendy.white.haiti@gmail.com or contact the church office. While builders, medical professionals and teachers are always in high demand we welcome volunteers with all kinds of skills. If you love helping do God's work through serving others then this trip will be a blessing to you.

XYZ EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST

Everyone is invited to join us for our events and outings!



XYZ Tour of Douglas County Justice Center

Wednesday, August 15th 10:00am. Lunch to follow at Black-eyed Pea
Sign-up Sheet posted in the Narthex.

Monthly XYZ Breakfast

3rd Friday of each month at Village Inn in Parker at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for food and conversation.

Friends Together

Memory Loss Support Group

We meet Fridays from 9:30-11 AM in room 216. Contact Marian Gore: gmigore@gmail.com or Sandi Blevins blevinssandi@gmail.com 303-841-5560.

Bakers Needed



UMW Pie Sale

Bring Your Pies to the Kitchen the morning of August 26th

Contact Caroline Lynch at (303) 483-8729 for more information.



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SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

**‘Screenagers: How Much Screen Time
is Healthy?’**

FREE SHOWING

Sunday, August 26th at 5 P.M.

To learn more read the Children's Ministry Section of
this issue of Cross and Flame. RSVP here by scanning the QR Code or visit:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4eaaa72ea3fd0-screenagers>.



ADULT EDUCATION

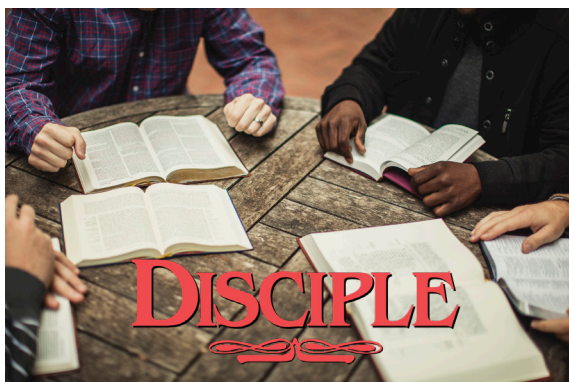
Class Updates and Information



Meals for **Eight**

Meet New Friends and Enjoy Great Food

Join us for good food, fellowship and fun! Dinners for Eight, Restaurants Out for Eight and Lunch Bunch are wonderful ways to meet others and enjoy meals at each others homes, or go out together as a group. To best organize the gatherings we need you to sign up. Sign up dates are August 12, 19 and 26. If you have any questions please contact Lorraine: lkseep944@aol.com 303-710-6626.



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**Disciple
Bible Study
Classes**

Beginning in September

New Bible Classes: Study, Learn and Grow!

Disciple 1 class "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study," will begin in September, on Monday nights, on a weekly basis. This is the first in the four part Disciple series, and is a 34 week overview of the entire Bible.

Disciple 3 class “Remember Who You Are,” also begins in September. This is a 32 week study which will cover the major and minor Old Testament prophets, and the thirteen Letters traditionally attributed to Paul. If you would like to attend either of these classes please contact the church office.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Faith, Hope and Love in Action



Bakers and Eaters Wanted

Sunday, August 26th - Pies will be sold in the Narthex all morning.

Bakers, please bake your favorite pies and bring them to the kitchen on Sunday morning, August 26th. Big pies, little pies, fruit pies, pecan pies, pumpkin pies, chocolate pies, all pies are welcome. The proceeds go toward our annual Pledge to Mission to the Mile High/Pikes Peak UMW District and missions supported by our UMW unit. We will also be selling beautiful homemade cards. Please contact Caroline Lynch at (303) 483-8729 for additional information.



LITTLE BLESSINGS

Preschool and Kindergarten

Little Blessings Celebrates 20 Years!

August 12th we celebrated our 20th anniversary of the partnership between Parker United Methodist Church and the Little Blessings Preschool program. The support of PUMC has made it possible for Little Blessings to touch the lives of many, many, many children and families in the Parker community. Thank you!



Tricia Woods, Program Director: Tricia@ParkerUMC.org, 720-204-4420



Candi Robinson, Asst. Director: Candi@ParkerUMC.org, 720-204-4423



Emily Shaffer, Plaza Campus Director: Emily@ParkerUMC.org, 303-840-6196



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Fellowship, Service Opportunities and Christian Living for Men

The United Methodist Men is a group of men who are trying to live the Christian Life. We are active in many ways in the life of PUMC. We provided help to set up/tear down of tables & chairs for 3 recent events. We helped with the parking lot landscaping, lighting, and tree watering. We assist the trustees in some of their tasks in keeping our facilities looking so nice. We provided “manpower” at a church member’s home after a wind-storm did damage there. We have also been able to provide funds for outreach missions of PUMC. If you would like to learn more about Parker UMM please contact Gene Sibley at hsc03030@aol.com.



Monthly Men’s Breakfast

The monthly group meeting is the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:00 - 9:00am for breakfast, fellowship, laughter, and some business. We continue to invite all men to come and join us at the 2nd Saturday of each month.



Share a meal, invest
in each other, grow
in your faith, do life
together.

To be a part of a
Life Group, email
Cody at
cody@parkerumc.org



FALL FESTIVAL



JOIN US September 29th • 11:00-2:00

Bounce Houses, Games, Food,
Crafts and Entertainment

This is a Little Blessings fundraiser to raise
\$5,000 for playground surface repairs.

Call 720-204-4420 or

Email us at tricia@parkerumc.org
to purchase Tickets and
to learn more about
a fun filled day for the entire family.



Little Blessings
Preschool & Kindergarten

Main Campus 11805 S. Pine Drive, Parker, CO 80134

EVERYBODY NEEDS A HAND

from time to time.

Whether you need just a bit of assistance or support for a length of time, we can help.

From visits while you are recuperating at home, to meals, to rides, to friendly notes, calls, or cards – call on us when you need a hand. Contact Pastor Cody or Nancy Smith: cody@parkerumc.org and care@parkerumc.org

Caring Ministry

PARKER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



LIVE-IN HELP NEEDED

A live-in person for older female adult, wheelchair bound, that lives on small farm and has 2 horses to feed, she also has a Lab service dog that she does the care for.

PROVIDED: Free housing in a walkout basement apartment- kitchen has refrigerator, microwave, sink. In exchange for providing the following services:

REQUIRED:

Feed 2 horses twice a day, give water, and clean stalls, must have some knowledge of horse care

Clean kitchen, living room, bathroom, 2 bedrooms once a week.

Do laundry every two weeks.

Get mail from mail box daily short distance from house, 6 days a week.

Pickup (click list) groceries from King Soopers at Cottonwood Parker.

Pickup RX from Safeway Parker.

Take to Doctor appointments as needed.

Contact: Vivian Murphy at 303-841-7411. If there's no answer, please leave a message



Church wide
potluck picnic at
Challenger Park
on Sunday, September
30th at 12:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and hang out with
friends and families from church. You
won't want to miss this awesome event!