



Parker UMC Fall 2021

# Connections

Classes, Groups and Programming *for Everyone*

## A Note from the Pastor

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Dear Friends,

The Connections Catalog is filled with opportunities for you and your family to deepen your journey with Jesus. You will find many ways to actively build connections with each other and your faith through study, outreach and fellowship.

We are excited to offer in-person small groups for families, youth, and adults as well as continue some small group Zoom offerings. Inside these pages are some familiar offerings as well as some new opportunities for you to explore as you study, deepen your discipleship, and meet new friends.

Small groups are one of the proven ways we grow our faith. As you meet with others, share together, question together, support each other, you will find that you listen intently for God's voice in your daily walk. If you have an idea for a small group you would like to create based in study, fellowship, or a mission outreach activity, we invite you to reach out to a staff member to explore starting a new small group ministry.

We look forward to the 2021 Advent and Christmas season. As I write this in August, our hope is to continue in-person offerings in the sanctuary throughout the Advent and Christmas season, including Handel's Messiah, a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, and other ways to celebrate together. We will also host holiday activities with our Little Blessings Preschool. We are underway with planning this year's holiday events and looking forward to celebrating the season with you.

I hope you will attend worship regularly (either in person or through our online activities) and add at least one additional way to engage in study, fellowship and outreach. Your church staff and the lay leadership are ready to help you discover the next new opportunity for you to exercise your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness here at Parker UMC. Welcome to the fall at PUMC!

In Christ, Pastor Barb

## A Note from Your Small Group Ministry

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We would love to have you join our Adult Education and Small group committee. We plan, oversee, and support the Adult Education ministry for our church. Since this is a vital ministry to our church, we welcome your ideas and service as we plan and implement new ideas and ways to involve our members in small groups. Small groups are where we make connections and form relationships as we grow in our knowledge and service to God. We meet as needed 4-5 times a year. If you are interested in helping with this ministry contact Vicky Brase.

Adult Education & Small Group Ministries Team

Leader- Vicky Brase: 303-726-2878; vkbrase@yahoo.com



**Welcoming All to Discover and Share the Joy of Jesus' Love**

# Parker UMC Leadership Fall 2021

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**Note** : Childcare is provided for most of our groups and events. Please check with the church office to confirm. This helps us provide the appropriate number of childcare staff. This catalog reflects the current offerings. Please check your Midweek Message and the slides and screens on Sundays for updates and upcoming classes not included in this catalog.

# Children's MINISTRY

A P L A C E F O R F A M I L I E S



## We Are Happy to Offer

- Outstanding programming for children through elementary
- Opportunities for children and adults to grow in their faith
- Sunday School classes that appreciate varied learning styles
- Many ways for parents and children to get involved
- Preteen group, helps older elementary kids grow spiritually in a fun atmosphere

## Nursery and Childcare

- Recognizing the importance of high-quality care, our church offers nursery during our 9 and 10:30 a.m. services and most church activities and Bible studies\*

## Special Events

- **VBS** One week in the summer, we offer a wonderful Vacation Bible School where children ages 4 years old through 5th grade can come and grow in their faith through music, games, crafts, storytelling and more!
- **Journey with Jesus** – Looking for an event that isn't just about the Easter Eggs? Come join us as we Journey with Jesus in a fun family friendly Easter Event.
- **3rd Grade Bibles** – Every year we love to give the gift of God's word to children. Classes are offered to help kids learn how to navigate the Bible.
- **Trunk or Treat** – October 24th - Come be part of this fun Halloween Event! Trunk-or-Treat brings trick-or-treating to the parking lot! You can even be part of the fun, decorate your car and pass candy out to the kids, or simply show up and have fun!
- **Visit Santa!** Come visit Santa and take a few pictures! Be sure to bring your letter to Santa, we have an official North Pole Mailbox! Santa is coming to town on December 4th from 2-4pm.

**Questions?** Contact Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families  
[noelle@parkerumc.org](mailto:noelle@parkerumc.org)



# Student MINISTRIES

FOR JR. AND SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS



## Sunday Morning S.L.A.M.

All youth (grades 6-12) meet in the youth room 144 at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings.

S.L.A.M. meets every Sunday EXCEPT the first Sunday of each month.

## Youth Group Activities

Middle School: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | High School: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Our afternoon consists of a lesson where students are encouraged to grow in their relationships with Christ and also fun and games.

## Get Connected

To Receive the Youth Emails please email [april@parkerumc.org](mailto:april@parkerumc.org) or contact the church office.

## Remind 101 for Youth & Parents

Stay up to date with times and events simply by subscribing to a FREE messaging tool used by many teachers and leaders.

### High School

For texts text to: 81010 in the message area type: @a43hd. For emails: send an email to [a43hd@mail.remind.com](mailto:a43hd@mail.remind.com)

### Middle School

For texts text to: 81010 in the message area type: @dcf74 For emails: send an email to [dcf74@mail.remind.com](mailto:dcf74@mail.remind.com)

## Fall/Winter Retreat

Every year we offer a weekend retreat for both the junior and senior high youth.

## Mission Trips

Every summer a week long mission trip experience is offered to our youth. They also participate in local missions throughout the year.

## Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes are offered Jan.-April to all youth 7th grade and up who are interested in confirming their faith in the United Methodist Church.

## Questions?

April Kauffman: 720-204-4424 • [April@parkerumc.org](mailto:April@parkerumc.org)

# Music MINISTRY

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!



In my many years as the Director of Music here at Parker UMC, I find myself surrounded by the most blessed church family anyone could ask for!

The Music Ministry at Parker United Methodist Church strives to not only provide meaningful musical worship experiences for the members of the congregation, but it also is committed to providing opportunities to use the Arts as a vehicle to integrate the mission work of the United Methodist tradition.

The whole PUMC family is welcome to come and participate in this energizing ministry. I invite you to come and experience wonderful fellowship, meaningful music, and the opportunity to share your gifts with our awesome God!!

Kurt Stroman, Director of Music

## Parker UMC Choir

We sing at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. We welcome new singers at every experience level throughout the year.

## Cambiata

At Parker UMC, Cambiata is a largely contemporary musical tone, filled with praise and joy. We rehearse from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings, and sing one Sunday each month. If you need a little more musical fun, we're always happy to welcome you into our circle.

## Hand Bell Ringers

Are you a ringer? Have you always wanted to be a ringer? Either way, you're invited to be a part of the wonderful world of hand bells. We play a variety of five octave musical pieces monthly at Parker UMC. We'd love to ring alongside you! Contact Krisha Sielaff through the church office for more information.

## Solo & Instrumental Opportunities

There are many opportunities to minister to the Parker UMC congregation as a soloist during worship services. If you feel comfortable with your art, we can find a place for you to "sing or play the Spirit". Contact Kurt Stroman through the church office.

# Parker UMC Staff Team



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## Friends Together



A faith based support group  
for persons who have a loved one with  
memory loss



## You are not alone

Caring for someone with memory issues can be difficult. You don't need to go through this alone. We are here to support each other on the journey.

## Meeting locations

Parker United Methodist Church  
First and third Fridays at 10 am

Our Lady of Loreto Church  
First Wednesday at 6:30 pm  
Third Wednesday at 1 pm

## More information?

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# BEGINNINGS

## Springboard

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Springboard is a two week course designed to serve in the following ways:

- New member class for those exploring membership at Parker UMC
- Introduction for those exploring the Christian faith for the first time
- Refresher course for long-time believers who want a better understanding of the foundations of the faith and origins of the UMC

Classes are held once a quarter on Sundays following the second service. Each class lasts 90 minutes. A light lunch is included.

2021 FALL Session: Sunday, October 10th & Sunday, October 17th (11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m.) Joining: Sunday, October 31st, either service

2022 WINTER Session: Sunday, January 23rd & Sunday, January 30th (11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m.) Joining: Sunday, February 6th, either service

2022 SPRING CLASS: Sunday, April 24 & Sunday, May 1st (11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.) Joining: Sunday, May 15th, either service

The sessions include UM & PUMC history; Wesley's understanding of God's grace & the means of grace; discipleship; prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness, and an introduction to Worship PLUS as a way to get involved in servant ministry.

Contact the church office @303-841-3979 or email [Cody@parkerumc.org](mailto:Cody@parkerumc.org) for more information or to sign up for the next group.

Leaders: Barb Sholis; [barb@parkerumc.org](mailto:barb@parkerumc.org) and Cody Anderson; [cody@parkerumc.org](mailto:cody@parkerumc.org)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### Lectionary Class

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Starting in November Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m. in room 137

Beginning in November on Sunday mornings, a new adult Bible Study will begin focusing on the Lectionary that our United Methodist Church uses. Each week we will focus on four scriptures, two from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament, seeking to find and understand a connection between the four scriptures. For more information, contact Ruth Wills.

Leader: Ruth Wills; [ruthmwills@aol.com](mailto:ruthmwills@aol.com)

## Open Circle

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Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m. in room 138

Open Circle is an adult Sunday School class open to all. The current study book is “What’s So Amazing About Grace?” by Philip Yancey. The class offers fellowship and education with class members who choose future study topics together.

Leaders: Betty Olson; 720-416-7240 and Marie LaBudde; 303-748-6962, labuddemarie@yahoo.com

## Psalms in the Life of Faith

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Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m. in room 144

This 6-7 week study will take an in depth look at the book of Psalms as they do, or should impact our lives of faith. Each session will contain a thirty-minute video lesson taught by Brent. The remainder of the session will be a time of discussion of the various Psalms assigned, how they fit into our current faith lives, and raising questions. Participants are encouraged to sign up with their name and e-mail address in the church office in advance of the first lesson. Contact David Strawn to sign up or for questions.

Leaders: David Strawn; dstrawn@pointloma.edu; Reverend, Doctor Brent Strawn: Duke Divinity School

## BIBLE STUDIES

## Open Hearts, Open Minds Women’s Bible Study

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Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in room 144

Frequency: Weekly

Join this group of women who meet to study and discover new understandings of Christian living. Look for details about the current study in the Midweek Message or reach out for information.

Contact Diana Hill: colohills@msn.com or call 303-841-4559

## Students of the Word

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Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in room 138

This class is focused on studying books of the Bible and includes lots of lively discussion. Our first study will be 10 weeks studying the book of Jeremiah which will end before Thanksgiving. We will break until after the new year, when we will study Romans. First Corinthians will round out the year for this class.

Leader: Nancy Smith; nancys70@comcast.net

## Bible Study Buddies

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Wednesdays, 10:30 am at Creek Side Recreation Center in Stroh Ranch

Bible Studies Buddies will resume on September 15th, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We are meeting at the Creek Side Recreation Center in Stroh Ranch which is a large space that allows us to spread out. All are welcomed to this friendly group of ladies. Need more information?

Leaders: Suzie 303-693-3338 or Carol 303-349-3122

## The Walk

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October 13- November 10, Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Walk by Adam Hamilton is a video and discussion class based on the five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. This is a six week study covering the five practices of Worship and prayer, study, serving, giving and sharing. Just as a daily walk helps us physically, a daily walk with God deepens our spiritual growth. I invite you to join me as we explore and incorporate these practices into our daily lives to help us walk closer to God.

Leader: Vicky Brase: 303-726-2878; vkbrase@yahoo.com

## BOOK GROUPS

### Contemporary Christian Book Group

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The Contemporary Christian Book Group meets the first Wednesday evening of the month (excluding January and July). We read a variety of books: fiction and non-fiction, explicitly Christian and not. You are welcome to join us, even if it's just to take part in the discussion of one particular book that interests you! For more information, contact Susan Gustin [sjgustin@comcast.net](mailto:sjgustin@comcast.net)

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## SMALL GROUPS FOR ALL

### Sacred Poetry

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September 8, 15, October 13, 20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

In this four-week class, Steve Kascht, a literature teacher for over 30 years, will guide you through the ways you can find wonder and meaning in poetry, so much so, that you will see how poetry is a sacred link between this life and what will greet us after this life is finished.

This is not a class for English majors, though this group is encouraged to join the class. This is not a class for Poetry nerds, though this group will absolutely enjoy this class. This class is for normal humans who enjoy poetry, or want to, and for all who want to feel and see a bit more sacredness and beauty in this life.

Poets we will be reading will be Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Wendell Berry, Rumi, Rainer Maria Rilke, David Whyte, and others. For more information or to sign up, please email Steve Kascht at [kskascht@aol.com](mailto:kskascht@aol.com)

Leader: Steve Kascht; [kskascht@aol.com](mailto:kskascht@aol.com)

## Eden Gardeners

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Times Vary. We meet at PUMC and other locations

Dates: Varies | Frequency: Varies

Eden Gardeners is a group of people who are interested in any aspect of plant care or landscaping. Meetings usually include a class with demonstrations or slide shows, either at PUMC or other locations. Our speakers have been encouraging, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic! Some members volunteer to care for the church plants. Join in any time you find a subject that interests you, and enjoy the camaraderie, inspiration, and shared ideas of fellow gardeners! Watch the weekly Midweek Message email for meeting dates, or email Diana to have your name added to the group email list.

Contact Diana Hill: [colohills@msn.com](mailto:colohills@msn.com) or call 303-841-4559

## SMALL GROUPS FOR MEN

### United Methodist Men (UMM)

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The men's group here at Parker UMC meets at 8 a.m. at the church on the second Saturday of each month (when COVID allows). A small team prepares breakfast and we gather for food, fellowship, a devotion, and a little bit of business with a program of interest. This Saturday morning group is open to men of all ages.

Leader: Dan O'Neill: 303-210-3899; [Odie2450@comcast.net](mailto:Odie2450@comcast.net)

### Wednesday Mens Study Group

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Wednesdays at 8:30 – 9:45 am in Room 138

Dates: Ongoing | Frequency: Weekly

Meet with other men for breakfast, Bible study and discussion on a range of topics. This group has rotating leadership. New members are welcome.

Contact Jud Jaqua: [jpjaqua@comcast.net](mailto:jpjaqua@comcast.net) or call 303-841-8579

# Explore Membership at Parker UMC and/or Learn More About Christianity



## Springboard Class Offers:

- New member class for those exploring membership at Parker UMC
- Introduction for those exploring the Christian faith for the first time
- Refresher course for long-time believers who want a better understanding of the foundations of the faith and origins of the UMC

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Fall '21

Oct. 10th & 17th

Winter '22

Jan. 23rd & 30th

Spring '22

April 24 & May 1st



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**Preschool & Kindergarten**

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# FAITH WALKERS

## A Group for Men

We meet every Thursday @ 6am  
FIKA Coffee downtown Parker  
Contact Ryan Woods [rwoods005@msn.com](mailto:rwoods005@msn.com) for more info



## Come Join the Team of Tech Volunteers!

We need volunteers for our audio board, and video systems

- No experience needed. We'll train you and we make it easy to assist with Sunday worship.
- Sign up for once or twice a month at the 9 am service. We work with your schedule.
- Contact [Jason@ParkerUMC.org](mailto:Jason@ParkerUMC.org) or [KurtBokenkamp@gmail.com](mailto:KurtBokenkamp@gmail.com) for information or to volunteer!

## **Faith Walking: A Gathering For Men Around Their 40's**

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Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 a.m. at Fika Coffee on Main Street

Faith Walking is an opportunity for men around 40, give or take a decade, to gather and grow their faith and love for God through fellowship, small group Bible study, fellowship activities, and service activities. The foundation of the group happens each Thursday morning where we journey together through a Bible study in association with a light breakfast and coffee. Periodically the group will also help give back by doing acts of service at the Church and in the community.

Leader: Ryan Woods; rwoods005@me.com or call 303-725-6766

## **SMALL GROUPS FOR WOMEN**

### **Bible Study Buddies**

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Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. at Creek Side Recreation Center in Stroh Ranch

Bible Studies Buddies will resume on September 15th, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We are meeting at the Creek Side Recreation Center in Stroh Ranch which is a large space that allows us to spread out. All are welcomed to this friendly group of ladies. Need more information?

Contact the leaders: Suzie 303 693 3338 or Carol 303 349 3122

### **The Open Hearts, Open Minds Women's Bible Study**

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Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in Room 144

Frequency: Weekly

Join this group of women who meet to study and discover new understandings of Christian living. Look for details about the current study in the Sunday bulletin and the Midweek Message

Leader: Diana Hill colohills@msn.com or call 303-841-4559

Co-leader: Marian Goremgmgore@gmail.com or call 720-217-4422

### **Mom's Group**

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Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.; childcare provided

Mom's Group is a study for mothers of young children. This is a welcoming group for mothers who are looking for connection, support and growing deeper in their faith.

Leaders: Cody Anderson; cody@parkerumc.org and Noelle Allison; noelle@parkerumc.org

## United Methodist Women

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Typically meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

United Methodist Women (UMW) is an organization of women affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Our purpose is to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Parker UMW holds four quarterly special events on Saturdays or Sundays throughout the year. The UMW board meetings are open to everyone and we're currently inviting women to join our Board. It is a great opportunity to share and grow your leadership skills while focusing on our vision of turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

Contact: Marsha Weber (303) 658-0468 for more info.

## UMW CIRCLES

Within UMW we have several circle groups which meet monthly or weekly. The focus of each circle is different, but each one seeks to be involved in a mission of their choosing. Every circle is open for new members.

### Sarah

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Sarah meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in PUMC. Focus is reading the books from a published list by UMW. They support La Puente and supply items for school bags.

Contact: Dottie Rasmussen, 303-840-9430.

### Telephone Calling

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Telephone Calling reaches out to older members of PUMC on a monthly basis. They share a scripture message and a listening ear.

Contact: Cathy Higgins, 720-484-5675

### Neighbor to Neighbor

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Neighbor to Neighbor meets the second Monday of every month, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Lincoln Meadows. Focus is prayer and connection with one another. Mission is Youth into the World.

Contact: Ruth Wills, 303-693-7365

## Clicking Needles

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Clicking Needles meets at PUMC every week on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Focus is knitting and crocheting. Mission is making squares for the Pine Ridge Lakota Native American women to create quilts for their people.

Contact: Ruth Wills, 303-693-7365

## Card Making & Coloring

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Led by Lauren Ross and Sabrina Thompson, this group will start Sunday October 10th. They will meet once a month at Lauren's home in Parker. Meeting time will be decided at the first meeting. Lauren will lead greeting card making; she will demonstrate and provide simple instructions. Sabrina will lead the coloring which will be a size that can be turned into greeting cards.

Their ultimate goal is to create cards for sale at church. All proceeds will go to organizations to benefit women and children. At each gathering creativity, fun, food, fellowship, and prayer will be shared.

Contact: Lauren Ross, 720-985-6186.

## Knit One/Pray Two: Prayer Shawl Ministry

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Mondays, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Our prayer shawl ministry will resume weekly meetings on Mondays and we would love for you to join us. Please join us for fellowship, handiwork and praying blessing on those who will receive the shawls. Want to learn how to knit or crochet? We will help you learn. Questions? Contact Julie Kronbach, [jkronbach@comcast.net](mailto:jkronbach@comcast.net).

Leader- Julie Kronbach; [jkronbach@comcast.net](mailto:jkronbach@comcast.net)

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

### Current and Upcoming Opportunities

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The Missions Committee helps connect Parker UMC to the needs of others in our local community, in our region, and in the world. People are always encouraged to participate in local activities hosted by our mission partners: Feed My Starving Children, Parker Task Force and UMCOR.

For more information contact Julie Kronbach, [jkronbach@comcast.net](mailto:jkronbach@comcast.net).

### Parker Task Force & Food Bank

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The Parker Task Force is dedicated to providing individuals and families in our community with food, limited financial assistance and other support services to help them become self-sufficient. Donations

of non-perishable food items to support the PTF food bank can be left in the collection boxes at the PTF table in the Narthex.

Contact: [cody@parkerumc.org](mailto:cody@parkerumc.org) or 720-204-4426.

## **Caring Ministry**

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The members of our congregation have wide-ranging needs that can be met by the members of our congregation. This Ministry is being launched to address a number of needs. There are so many opportunities. Examples include: prayer, visitation, providing meals, sending cards, making phone calls, connecting people with support groups, and sharing resources for employment, child care, and counseling. Would you like to join this Caring Ministry and contribute your time and talents to meeting the needs of our congregation?

Contact Associate Pastor, Cody Anderson [cody@parkerumc.org](mailto:cody@parkerumc.org) or call 303-841-3979.

## **Winter Shelter Network**

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November 2021 – March 2022

This is a community based outreach to women and children who are homeless in our community, with the support of many churches and organizations, including the Parker Task Force. There are a variety of ways to serve for people of all ages.

Contact Associate Pastor, Cody Anderson [cody@parkerumc.org](mailto:cody@parkerumc.org) or call 303-841-3979

## **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)**

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Parker MobilePack: Dates TBD

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack™ events allow people across the United States to pack life-giving meals. PUMC has hosted an annual MobilePack® in the Fall since 2014 bringing together more than 900 volunteers to pack almost 200,000 meals at our most recent event. PUMC purchases each meal packed for 22¢ through donations. This event welcomes broad participation from the community and provides opportunities to get involved throughout the year.

Contact Julie Kronbach: [jkronbach@comcast.net](mailto:jkronbach@comcast.net) or Jen Huey [jenhuey@comcast.net](mailto:jenhuey@comcast.net)

## **Global Hope Fundraising Banquet**

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You're invited to the 11th annual Global Hope Banquet, celebrating 25 years of ministry and looking forward to A Bright Tomorrow. Thursday, September 23, 2021 Social Hour: 5:30 p.m. Dinner/Program: 6:30 p.m. Location: the beautiful Stonebrook Manor in Thornton, CO. Register here: <https://www.globalhope.org/> It will be a beautiful evening filled with music and inspiration as we share stories about our children in Romania, Kenya and India.

**Contact Julie Kronbach, [jkronbach@comcast.net](mailto:jkronbach@comcast.net) or the church office to attend.**

## Haiti

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With the political upheaval followed by a 7.2 earthquake, our ministry in Haiti is a stabilizing presence. Your gifts help sponsor The Bridge, sponsoring a women's Bible study, for Haitians and led by Haitians and fully support a social worker working with abused and traumatized young women. If you are able to honor a daughter, mother, wife or other important woman in your life by making a donation, it will bless others in this shaken land.

Please join in praying for Haiti with this prayer written by Haitian Directors, Fedner and Rtiha Antione (Rtiha will be joining us in worship on September 19).

Mission opportunities are advertised in the Midweek Message, the and the projectors/monitors inside and outside the sanctuary.

## CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

### Stephen's Ministry

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Are you going through a tough time? Would you be open to considering a Stephen Minister to help you through this difficult time?

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one ministry in which trained Stephen Ministers spend about an hour each week with people who are dealing with life's challenges. Sometimes these relationships can go on for a month or two; sometimes much longer. The main role of a Stephen Minister is to listen, pray, and provide encouragement. Stephen Ministers aren't counselors and don't try to "fix" things. They help by just being present and listening. Female Stephen Ministers are paired with women; male Stephen Ministers are paired with men. And everything that is shared with a Stephen Minister is confidential. Nothing is shared with church staff or anyone else—not even the fact that a specific person has a Stephen Minister.

If this is something you might be willing to consider, contact the church office and someone will put you in touch with a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry at Parker UMC is alive and here to help!

Leader: Susan Bucher [ibSusan@centurylink.net](mailto:ibSusan@centurylink.net)

### Friends Together

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First and third Fridays from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in room 216;  
Our Lady of Loreto Church first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

"Friends Together" is a faith-based support group for persons who have a loved one with memory loss. We are open to the entire community and all are welcome, no matter where they are on their journey. We can help with resources and support. For more information, contact Marian Gore.

Leader: Marian Gore; [gmgore@gmail.com](mailto:gmgore@gmail.com)

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

We are happy to provide space for these groups to meet.

## Al-Anon

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Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. in room 124 | Dates: Ongoing | Frequency: Weekly

Al-Anon's Purpose is to help friends and families of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of a relative or friend. Our focus is on ourselves, not the alcoholic. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism with a friend or relative.

## Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

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Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

Womens Group Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. in room 144

Tuesdays 8:00 p.m. in room 144

Fridays 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## Nar-Anon

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Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 216 | Dates: Ongoing | Frequency: Weekly

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a Twelve-Step Program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of addiction in a relative or friend.

## Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

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Mondays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in room 144

Dates: Ongoing | Frequency: Weekly

NA is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. This is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. There is only one requirement for membership, the desire to stop using.

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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Thursdays 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in room 138 | Dates: Ongoing | Frequency: Weekly

TOPS is an international organization dedicated to sensible weight loss. Men, women and teens from

our church and community are invited to join us and learn to make healthier food choices. We give and receive lots of support as we progress toward our goals. Visit a “free” meeting and find our costs are reasonable -- national dues \$32 annually which include “TOPS News” magazine. In addition we pay \$5 monthly dues to cover local chapter expenses for supplies, rewards and prizes. Come at 10am for weigh-in – followed by a meeting from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Sound Booth Volunteers Needed**

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The choir sings. Musicians play instruments. Our pastors deliver the Sunday message. Our volunteers in the sound booth help to bring all of this to life so you can hear them best. We need to add some new members to our sound team on Sunday mornings. Kurt Bokenkamp, Director of Audio Systems, will provide training to all of those who want to join the team. No prior experience is needed, just a passion to serve Parker UMC. If you are interested in serving in this way please email [kurtb@parkerumc.org](mailto:kurtb@parkerumc.org).

### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

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Children’s Church Sunday School is looking for your help. Please check the dates this fall and consider signing up for one (or more) Sunday’s to help. God has given us a wonderful example in our children. And when we, as a Sunday School volunteer, take the time to serve kids, and share God’s love with them, the reward is incredible! Contact Noelle Allison: [noelle@parkerumc.org](mailto:noelle@parkerumc.org)

### **Memorial Service Set Up and Clean Up**

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When things happen in life, we need help. It takes a village. Our church is our village. Would you be able to help a few times a year set up tables or put out food for our memorial services? It takes a village, and our team needs more names on our volunteer list (men and women). Contact Judy Stephens at [stphju3@aol.com](mailto:stphju3@aol.com) or (303) 478-3558 or Pat Chase at [patchase99@yahoo.com](mailto:patchase99@yahoo.com).

### **Audio and Video Technicians Volunteers Needed**

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If you would like to help lead worship by advancing slides for the music and scripture then we’d like to plug you in to our media booth. Please contact Director of Media, Jason Anderson [jason@parkerumc.org](mailto:jason@parkerumc.org)

If audio is more your style, and you’d like to serve at the sound board we have a place for you as well. Please contact Director of Audio Systems, Kurt Bokenkamp [kurtb@parkerumc.org](mailto:kurtb@parkerumc.org).

### **Caring Ministry**

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Our Caring Ministry is in place to offer those services to families who are struggling with grief, loss, illness, etc. If you would like to prepare a meal, make a visit, or help in some other way with those who need to see God’s Love the most please contact Nancy Smith [care@parkerumc.org](mailto:care@parkerumc.org) or Associate Pastor, Cody Anderson [cody@parkerumc.org](mailto:cody@parkerumc.org)



# Fall Mission Outreach Opportunities

## September

### Regional: LaPuente Home Hygiene Kits

The United Methodist Women are gathering supplies to make hygiene bags for farm workers in San Luis Valley in Southern Colorado and could use your help. We are collecting items listed below in early September we'll gather together to assemble bags that will be delivered to La Puente in Alamosa, CO in late September.

#### Men

Wash Cloth, Hand Towel, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush (with holder), Deodorant, Razors (five go into each hygiene kit), Shaving Cream, Comb

#### Women

Wash Cloth, Hand Towel, Bar Soap or Body Wash, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush (with holder), Deodorant, Brush, Comb, Hand Cream

### International: Director of The Bridge, a mission in Haiti, joins us for worship on Sunday, September 19th.

We will welcome one of the directors of The Bridge in Haiti, Rtiha Antione. The Bridge is a small nonprofit providing Bible study for women as well as a fully supported social worker for abused and traumatized young women.

**International: Global Hope Banquet:** You're invited to the 11th annual Global Hope Banquet, Thursday, September 23, 2021. Location: the beautiful Stonebrook Manor in Thornton, CO. Register here: [www.globalhope.org/](http://www.globalhope.org/). It will be a beautiful evening as we share stories about our children in Romania, Kenya and India.

## October

### Local: Packing and Distributing Manna Bags

Sunday, October 3rd, join the mission's team making sandwiches to distribute to some of the homeless camps in our metropolitan area. Food service gloves and all the food necessary to make sandwiches, and fill the bags will be provided. We will pray over the Manna bag delivery teams during our 10:30 a.m. service and send them out to deliver the bags. All are welcome to make sandwiches—this is a great family mission opportunity! Watch the Midweek Message to sign up early to participate in a Sunday carpool team to selected locations.

### International: Global Hope Speaker in Worship

Sunday, October 24th Dr. Saji John, Founder and CEO of the John Foundation, will share about Global Hope's partnership with his organization and their work in rescuing children from the sex trade in India.

## November

**Local: November 11th: Veteran's Day Outreach:** Plans are underway for an outreach opportunity helping homeless veterans to honor Veterans Day. Watch for updates in October.

**Local: Parker Task Force Food for Thanksgiving Baskets:** Support of the Parker Task Force annual food drive for Thanksgiving baskets. Watch for updates in October.



Friends, as many of you may already know, the United Methodist General Conference has been postponed until August 29 – September 6, 2022 due to the coronavirus. The Commission on the General Conference decided on February 20, 2021 to move the meeting dates to 2022 as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the safety of mass gatherings and travel. It is currently scheduled for Aug. 29 – Sept. 6, 2022 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Commission on General Conference based this decision with the following concerns mentioned in the report regarding having a virtual session include:

- Lack of infrastructure in some areas, including Internet access, Internet speed, and electricity
- Lack of technology for equitable Holy Conferencing
- Complexity of the legislative committee process
- Concerns about accurate credentialing and verification of identity
- Difficulties in seating reserve delegates properly
- Security of voting
- Safety concerns about regional satellite gatherings

While it has been difficult to wait for this larger leadership body to meet and make denominational decisions, given the recent surge in the Delta variant, it was a prudent call to make. In the meantime, there is no ‘vote’ to be taken nor any decisions for the local church to make. When the local church is presented with options for discussion, plenty of time will be given for all aspects to be discussed. The last point to remember is that there will be up to two years to study and decide our course after General Conference concludes. In the meantime, let’s not become distracted from our local ministry opportunities.



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