

Volunteer opportunities

Office/Administrative help:

- Tuesdays or Wednesdays

Food Pantry:

- Registration, serving line, and stocking Monday - Friday, 12 - 2 pm
 - Food pick ups at local stores
- Contact Kristin Stayer, kstayer@ppchog.org

After School Fun:

- Mentoring a child on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 5:15 throughout the school year.

**January 7, 14, 21, 28
Sunday School**
SMK — Ages: Birth - Grade 5
FUSION Mornings for students grades 6 - 12
Variety of Adult Classes — a list of classes is available on the website: www.ppchog.org

10:00 - 10:30 AM "The Gathering"
in the Narthex
Coffee, doughnuts, & connection
Everyone is welcome!

**10:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
January 7**
John Johnson, preaching
January 7, 14, 21, 28
Pastor David Markle, preacher

**Godly Play (age 4 - grade 5)
January 14, 21, 28**

Grace. Community. Serve. Celebrate.

Dear Friend,

Are you making any "New Year's resolutions" this year?

I confess I am not a big fan.

And there are so many things on my "to be" and "to do" lists that I would be hard-pressed to identify a specific pattern to them: there are both leadership and management roles that need my attention as we embark in fulfilling the beginning year of a strategic plan; a glad journey to take with a host of people in "Engaging Young Adults;" and opportunities to teach and to mentor in a variety of settings.

One priority though is emerging. I am a long time believer in the predominance of "the ministry of the Word and prayer" (see Acts 6.4) in effective ministry. I intend to act upon a priority that will place this reality beneath all that I am and hope to do in 2018.

What are your intentions for 2018? I pray that our Lord will aid us in making more of our aspirations for good, living realities.

God bless you,

Pastor Markle

**Sundays @
Park Place**



January 7
Guest Preacher:
Dr. John Johnson
"Stanger-things Have Happend"
Matthew 2:1-12



**Message series from
Ephesians: "Born to Serve--
What it Means to Be Church"**

Pastor David Markle
preaching
January 14
"Grace"
Ephesians 1:3-14

January 21
"Hope"
Ephesians 1:15-23

January 28
"Love"
Ephesians 2:1-20

**FRESH WAYS TO CONNECT
WITH PARK PLACE**

Follow us on social media!
Facebook: [Facebook.com/ppchog](https://www.facebook.com/ppchog)
Instagram: [parkplacechog](https://www.instagram.com/parkplacechog)

Upcoming Events:

January
Sunday, January 21
6:00-7:15 pm
Coffee House Worship
Community Center, Room 13
Michael Thigpen, story-sharer

February
Wednesday, February 7
Body Life begins
5:15-7:30 pm
(See page 3 for details.)

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 18
Coffee House Worship
6:00-7:15 pm
Community Center, Room 13

March
Sunday, March 25
Coolidge Chancel Concert
Series presents
AU Chorale Spring Concert
6:00 pm
Sanctuary

Thursday, March 29
Maundy Thursday Seder
Meal and Footwashing
6:00-7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 30
Coffee House Worship —
Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm
Community Center Gym

Sunday, April 1
Easter Worship Service
10:30 am
Sanctuary

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NEWS & EVENTS

PARK PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER...at the invitation of the Servant Leadership Board, Kristin Stayer is committing afresh to full-time service as Executive Director of the Community Center. Welcome, Kristin!

“DE-CLUTTER, DE-STRESS, AND BLESS!”

Are you doing a holiday purge? Looking for a great place to donate? Gwen Johnson, in partnership with Park Place Church of God, and Anderson University TRI-S office is now collecting donations, including:
Clean clothing – Clean appliances in working order – Knick-knacks – Sports equipment – Books – CDs, DVDs – Toys – Games - Household items – Bicycles – Electronics in working order (no tube TVs) – Seasonal items – Clean linens
There will be a garage sale fundraiser held in April to provide support for AU’s TRI-S program, Park Place Community Center, and Park Place’s 2018 Uganda mission trip. To set up a time to bring your donation, please call or text Gwen, 765-615-1345. Gwen has a space to store donations within walking distance of PPCHOG on campus.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY HOSTING LECTURE SERIES...

Anderson University’s Peace and Conflict Transformation program will sponsor a monthly lecture series, featuring speakers who are experts in forgiveness and reconciliation.
Lectures are at 7:00 pm in the Reardon Auditorium
January 16...Arno Michaels, founding member of a white supremacist skinhead organization, will explain how he came to embrace diversity and practice gratitude.
February 13, Rev. Sharon Risher
March 6, Haider Newmani
April 10, Zak Ebrahim

Fusion Youth

**Wednesdays ~ 6:00-8:00 pm
Meet in The Upstairs**

~~CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES~~

◆◆◆**Sunday Morning Kids**
Sundays ~ 9:00 am◆◆◆
Infants — 5th grade

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**Godly Play** (age 4 — grade 5)  
**January 14, 21, 28**  
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Wednesday Night Kids
Beginning February 7



DIG IN and have fun on game night with our traditional snow ball fight. The following three weeks we’ll DIG IN with Bible stories about Sarah, Esau, Jacob and Joseph. You will not want to miss a super silly skit, rap song and up-and-down story telling.

February 7 - *Game Night*
February 14 - *God Brings Us Laughter.*
February 21 - *God Helps Us Make Things Right.*
February 28 - *God Has a Big Picture Through Ups and Downs.*

Together we will learn how to make the wise choice, treat others the way we want to be treated, trust God and have fun.

REMINDER:

The Children’s Center collects Box Tops. You may bring them to the church office or place them in the box on the Information Desk in the Welcome Center on Sundays.



OUTREACH NEWS by Jim Bailey

TEACHERS OF PROMISE INTERNATIONAL PROVIDES BRIDGE TO LEARNING

One of the newer projects on Park Place Church’s Faith Promise budget is Teachers of Promise International. Founded in 2011, the organization provides a bridge to learning in Kenya by enabling young women to get the training they need to become early childhood educators.

Lynn Staley, a former director of the Park Place Children’s Center, is president of Teachers of Promise International.

In Africa and other parts of the Third World there are many challenges to be faced. Global poverty is an obstacle to universal primary education and 143,000 new teachers are needed every year in sub-Saharan Africa alone. While Kenya and several other African nations are beginning to offer universal primary education, they also require children to pass an entrance exam to access that education, which puts children without quality preschool or kindergarten at a disadvantage. The HIV/AIDS pandemic has left many African villages without parents and teachers. And the combination of poverty and HIV/AIDS interferes with the ability of young women to afford or manage post-secondary education.

More than one-fourth of the population of sub-Saharan Africa is comprised of girls ages 10-24. by educating these girls, they are less vulnerable

to abuse and exploitation, less likely to contract HIV/AIDS, have fewer teen pregnancies, lower fertility rates, and lower infant mortality. The health and nutrition of the families has improved, their roles within families and communities are strengthened, the cycle of poverty is broken, and confidence is boosted.

This is done primarily through two-year college scholarships that enable high-performing secondary school Form 4 graduates to overcome the poverty barrier and attend a quality, school-based early childhood development education teacher training program in their local village in order to earn a government-approved diploma certificate to teach preschool and kindergarten.

Because the opportunity for this training is local, aspiring early childhood teachers can remain in their community, where they are needed to help care for large extended families, while being availed of the opportunity for teaching preparation.

Investment in the young women reaps long-term benefits by giving the children they teach a quality early learning foundation, by providing for their families and by supporting their local communities.

Sponsors and supporters are welcome and needed. For further information contact Lynn Staley, 765-621-9619.

Notes of Appreciation

To our dear Park Place friends and family, Thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, and prayers as we celebrate the home-going of our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. The flowers were beautiful and the meal delicious. We rejoice, as we mourn, that Dad is once again singing and rejoicing.
-- Paul and Rita, Gary and Thonja and the family of Robert Nicholson

Dear Church Family, We want to express our appreciation to you all for your cards, calls, love, and support during the loss of our dad, grandfather, and husband. This church is so fortunate to have a competent and committed staff who assisted us in the memorial service. He loved Park Place Church as his home church for over 71 years.

-- The Family of Glenn Falls

BODY LIFE

Will resume Wednesday, February 7
5:15-6:00 pm Meal and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

6:00-7:30 pm Adult classes,
“Racism and the Gospel: Let’s Get Practical” with Michael Thigpen, in the Covenant Room

Wednesday Night Kids
Sanctuary Choir

6:00-8:00 pm Fusion Youth

7:35-9:00 pm One Accord Adult Handbell Choir.