



**FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

We invite you to dine-in or take-out at Panda Express on **Tuesday, March 13**. Panda Express will donate 20% of the event sales to Park Place Community Center. You will need to bring an official event flyer to receive credit for the Community Center. Flyers are available in the church office or at the Information Desk on Sunday mornings.

**Also happening...**

1. The second season of the Anderson City Market is quickly approaching! It's open every Saturday from May through October, from 8 am-12 noon! Make the Market a part of your Saturday routine!

2. The Community Garden has 12x12 foot garden plots available! Rent is \$15 for the season and includes access to water, seeds, tools, compost bin, and communal space. If you are interested, email parkplacecommunitycenter@gmail.com.

3. Operation Veterans' Services will continue the first Friday of every month (February - June 2018) from 11 am -1 pm. Services provided to veterans include health screening, job training, and housing and utility assistance along with many others.

**March 4, 11,18, 25  
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  
March 4, 11,18,25**  
Pastor David Markle, preaching

**Godly Play (age 4 and up)  
March 11, 18, 25**

**Daylight Saving Time begins  
Sunday, March 11**

Grace. Community. Serve. Celebrate.

"Born to Serve"

**Holy Week March 26 - April 1**

Thursday, March 29...**Maundy Thursday Community Meal**  
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall...partake of the Lord's Supper and participate in a service of Footwashing.

Friday, March 30...**Stations of the Cross**  
5:00-6:00 pm, Community Center Gym — self-guided experience.

**Good Friday Coffee House Worship**  
6:00-7:15 pm at the Community Center, Room 13,  
Story-Sharer, Lolly Bargerstock, "Suffering...Beauty from Ashes."

Sunday, April 1...**Easter Sunday Morning Worship**...celebrate, through music and story, the truth of Jesus' resurrection. Join in the hope of the stories of resurrection happening all around us. Partake of the bread and the cup through

**WELCOME JOSHUA MIFFLIN**...Joshua Mifflin has accepted our call to serve in an interim role with Student Ministries. Joshua began his work with the Fusion Youth on Wednesday, February 14. He and Pastor Justin served together for a couple of weeks "as the baton was passed" from one leader to another. Joshua has called Anderson home since the age of eight and is a graduate of Highland High School. In addition, he holds degrees from Anderson University and AU School of Theology and Christian Ministry. He has served in ministry with the Church of God in Eaton, Indiana, in youth ministry with The Bridge for a brief span, and several years as an intern and ministry volunteer at the Church at the Crossing in Indianapolis. You may have enjoyed his customer service at Texas Roadhouse where he will continue to work part-time even as he serves in a twenty-hour per week commitment here at Park Place. Join us in welcoming Joshua!

**Sundays @ Park Place**

**Message Series from Ephesians: "Born to Serve: What It Means to Be Church"**



Pastor David Markle preaching

**March 4**  
"New Self"  
Ephesians 4:17 - 5:2

**March 11**  
"Light"  
Ephesians 5:3 - 5:20

**March 18**  
"At Home"  
Ephesians 5:21 - 7:9;  
Philemon

**March 25**  
Palm Sunday  
"Extravagant Love"  
Mark 14:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-9a

**April 1**  
Easter  
"Rejoice!"  
Isaiah 25:6-9; Mark 16:1-8;  
Acts 10:34-43

| Upcoming Events:   |   | April  |
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| <b>March</b><br>Holy Week March 25– April 1  | <b>Thursday, March 29</b><br>Maundy Thursday<br>Community Meal and<br>Footwashing<br>6:00-7:30 pm<br>Fellowship Hall  | <b>Sunday, April 1</b><br>Easter Worship Service<br>10:30 am<br>Sanctuary  |
| <b>Sunday, March 25</b><br>Palm Sunday<br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>Immediately following the<br>morning worship service<br>Lunch provided<br>Newberry Room/Courtyard | <b>Friday, March 30</b><br>Stations of the Cross<br>Community Center Gym<br>Coffee House Worship<br>6:00 pm<br>Community Center, Room 13<br>Story-sharer: Lolly Bargerstock | <b>Sunday, April 15</b><br>SERVE Sunday<br>9:00-9:50 am<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Morning Worship<br>10:30 am<br>The Gathering<br>Teams leave to Serve |
| <b>Coolidge Chancel Concert Series presents</b><br>AU Chorale Spring Concert<br>6:00 pm<br>Sanctuary   |   | <b>Sunday, April 22</b><br>Coffee House Worship<br>6:00-7:15 pm<br>Story-sharer: Blake Janutolo  |

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# NEWS & EVENTS

## 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 Reardon Auditorium.

March 6 — Haider Newmani. Newmani has lived through four major wars, including the Iran/Iraq war, the Gulf war, and the U S invasion of Iraq. During that time, he was arrested, injured, and kidnapped. He lost several family members and friends.

April 10 — Zak Ebrahim

## SUPPORT GROUP: Alzheimer's Caregivers

A support group aimed at strengthening those providing care to loved ones with dementia meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in Room 138. For more information contact Loretta Davy ([ldavy@ppchog.org](mailto:ldavy@ppchog.org)) or Pastor Markle ([dmarkle@ppchog.org](mailto:dmarkle@ppchog.org)).

**"DE-CLUTTER, DE-STRESS, AND BLESS!"** Gwen Johnson, in partnership with Park Place Church of God and Anderson University TRI-S office is now still accepting 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 **April 13 and 14** in the Fellowship Hall 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.

## CAMP CHALLENGE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Early bird pricing by March 31. \$125 for Young Explorers; \$250, 3rd grade thru Senior High. Visit [gocampchallenge.com](http://gocampchallenge.com) for dates of the different camps.

## Fusion Youth

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

**CIY Believe 2018 is April 6-7**, which is coming up very soon! This is a Middle School event. Early bird registration is due by **Sunday, March 4** at \$59 per person. After that, regular registration will be \$69 and due by Sunday, March 18. To register online visit: [www.ppchog.org/youthministries](http://www.ppchog.org/youthministries). Pastor Josh will be sending out a parent letter soon with more details. Hope to see you all there!

**International Youth Convention Indianapolis**  
July 1 - 5

For: seventh grade grads through high school grads  
Registration: \$145 by **3/19/18**

If you are interested in attending, please contact Joshua Mifflin, [jmifflin@ppchog.org](mailto:jmifflin@ppchog.org), or 765-602-6087, or bring your \$\$ to the church office to register. Registrations must be turned in to the church office no later than March 19.

## ~CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES~

### ◆◆◆Sunday Morning Kids Sundays ~ 9:00 am◆◆◆

Infants — 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### Godly Play (age 4 and up) March 11, 18, 25

### Wednesday Night Kids 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Meets in Room 137 except for Game Night,  
which meets in the Newberry Room



In March, we will meet only three times! Game night starts us off as we make finger puppets, weave butterflies, and make a jumping frog!

The following week, in our large group meeting, we will dramatize the story of Miriam and Moses, realizing that God uses others to take care of us. Finally, we will get ready for Easter by listening to an unusual retelling of the resurrection story and responding in small groups and centers.

Join us as we DIG IN and learn more about God's love and have a great time with friends.

March 7 - Game Night

March 14 - God Takes Care of Us  
Through Others.

March 21 - Easter Centers

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

## SAVE THE DATE...

**Evening Expressions Camp**, June 25 - 29  
for ages 3 and up.

## PARK PLACE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Have you noticed the sign out front for Park Place Children's Center? The staff at the center is participating in a voluntary program called **Paths to Quality**. This program is a "four level" statewide rating system for early childhood education programs. It helps providers improve the quality of their program. With **level two** the staff has met specific standards of teaching in the classroom as well as specific educational standards. We are moving toward **level three** as our next goal which integrates standards for teaching curriculum and ongoing staff in-service workshops.

## OUTREACH NEWS by Jim Bailey

### COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS WIDE VARIETY OF OUTREACH AVENUES AND ACTIVITIES...

Several years ago several leaders of Park Place Church had a vision for turning an unused school building into a community center as a means of reaching the neighborhood. They could scarcely imagine how widespread that effort would become as the Park Place Community Center has been turned into a beehive of activity.

The Center is one of the four outreach components (or parishes) outlined in the church's strategic plan summary for the next three years: Anderson University, the Community Center, Park Place Children's Center, and the Park Place neighborhood.

Without a doubt the busiest Community Center program is the Food Pantry, which serves many thousands of families each year. Volunteers, about eighty to ninety of them, put in more than fifty-two hours each week to operate the Pantry and provide related services such as prayer and counseling, nutrition classes, Christmas gift bags, and other information and assistance. Purdue Extension also offers cooking and nutrition classes to assist people in preparing healthy meals.

The Community Garden makes plots available for neighborhood gardening, kids' summer programs, and summer garden feasts. The season is capped with a Fall Block Party for the entire community.

After School Fun is a program for students in kindergarten through grade five, from Tenth Street, Eastside, and Killbuck elementary schools. AU work-study students and volunteers help with activities including snacks, clubs, and academic achievement, including a mentor program.

Operation Veterans Services assists veterans on the first Friday of every month through June with filling out

forms, nutrition and cooking classes, health screenings, and other services.

Applications are now being accepted for vendors at the Anderson City Market, held every Saturday during the spring and summer months, which helps meet the need for food security for members of the community regardless of socioeconomic status.

During the winter months CIA Sports give an opportunity to junior high age youngsters in basketball league play in the Community Center Gym.

Coffee House Worship is held once a month, on Sunday evening, with a variety of speakers and the facilitating of meaningful discussion.

During the Christmas season, The Christmas Shop provides a place for community families to purchase new Christmas gifts at drastically reduced prices.

Community partners include Community Hospital and Scout Troop 249. Other tenants include the Crossing Educational Center, artist and children's author David Slonim, Larry Stuart Photography and Design, a pediatric occupational therapist, and Stripped Love, which recruits, trains, and equips women to minister to other women caught in the sex trade.

For more information or to volunteer for any of these programs contact Kristin Stayer, [kstayer@ppchog.org](mailto:kstayer@ppchog.org), or 765-364-4662.



## Note of Appreciation

Earl and I appreciate the prayers and cards from Park Place. We also appreciated the beautiful floral arrangement sent to the Memorial Service. We are grateful to have been "adopted" into the 'Family of God' at Park Place Church of God. Blessings and appreciation.

-- Earl and Merribeth Bruning

## BODY LIFE Wednesdays

5:15-6:00 pm Meal and Fellowship, Fellowship Hall  
6:00-7:30 pm

Adult Series: The God We Can Know exploring "I Am" sayings of Jesus, Covenant Room

Wednesday Night Kids  
Sanctuary Choir

6:00-7:30 pm **GriefShare Seminar/Workshop**, Bessie Byrum Lounge. If you or someone you know is hurting and needs encouragement after experiencing a loss, contact Leah Helvering at 765-643-4236 or [leahhelvering@gmail.com](mailto:leahhelvering@gmail.com), or visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) to learn more.

6:00-8:00 pm Fusion Youth

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

## NEW ONLINE CREDIT CARD GIVING FEATURE ADDED

For those utilizing Park Place's online giving by credit card ([www.ppchog.org/donate/](http://www.ppchog.org/donate/)): We know you appreciate the ease and efficiency that this electronic means of giving provides you and would encourage others to consider using this mode of giving as well.

Did you know that Park Place incurs a modest cost each time you make an online contribution with your credit card? So for those who would want Park Place to benefit from the full amount of their gift, we recently added a feature where you can, optionally, add the 2.75% fee that we are being charged to your contribution.

We certainly do not wish to discourage usage of online giving just because of the modest cost we incur, but thought there would be a number of you who would elect to cover this cost by slightly increasing the amount of your contribution when giving online. Thanks for your additional consideration in your continuing financial support to Park Place.

Servant Leadership Board