

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR at Park Place Community Center: Kirsten Streit-Harting began service in this role on April 9. Blessings, Kirsten!

- ♦ Operation Veterans' Services, Friday, May 4, 11 am-1 pm! Services provided to veterans include health screenings, job training, and housing and utility assistance, along with many others.
- ♦ The Anderson City Market at the Park Place Community Center will open for its second year on Saturday, May 5! Join us from 8 am-12 pm on Saturdays, May through October!
- ♦ Coffee House Worship, Sunday, May 20, 6 pm in Room 13. Local artist and Anderson City Market vendor, Christine Erny will be our guest story-sharer. She'll be giving us a peek into her art-creating process; specifically how the discipline of contemplation plays a role. Join us for refreshments, worship, and story! All ages are welcome, but child care is provided.

May 6, 13, 20, 27
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
May 6, 13, 20, 27
Pastor David Markle, preaching

Godly Play (age 4 and up)
May 13, 20, 27

Grace. Community. Serve. Celebrate.

"Improving Our Serve"

Park Place,

It's time to go deep with our Lord!

By that, I mean devotion in a focused way in word, prayer, and action as we continue to discover our church's future.

Quests just now include enacting a Strategic Plan for Ministry; Engaging Young Adults with intention and effect; discovering God's design for staffing in support of families, students, and children; supporting Kirsten Streit-Harting as interim Executive Director; and seeking successors to Priscilla Lacy at the Children's Center and Connie Tincher in the Church office.

Colossians 2:2-7 points the way:

My counsel for you is simple and straightforward:
Just go ahead with what you've been given.
You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now *live* him.
You're deeply rooted in him.
You're well constructed upon him.
You know your way around the faith.
Now do what you've been taught. School's out;
quit studying the subject and start *living* it!
And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

Blessings friends,
Pastor Markle

Sundays @ Park Place

Message Series "Improving Our Serve"



Pastor David Markle preaching

May 6
"Attitude Check"
(Relationships)
I Corinthians 12:1-13;
John 13:34-35;
Ephesians 5:21

May 13
"Be and Do, For Real"
(Solving Problems)
Isaiah 42:1-9;
I Corinthians 13; Mark 11:11-24

May 20
"Empowered for Ministry"
Acts 2; Ezekiel 37
Including an Ordination Service for Josie Vickey

May 27
"Lean into Team"
(Teammates)
I Corinthians 12:14-31;
Mark 10:32-45

Upcoming Events:

May

Sunday, May 20
Coffee House Worship
6:00-7:15 pm
Community Center, Room 13

June

June 2
Youth Fund Raiser
BBQ Chicken
11 am - 3:00 pm
(See page 2 for details.)

June 19-20
Regional Conference
Columbus, Ohio

Sunday, June 24
Youth Fund Raiser Lunch
Immediately following the morning worship service
Fellowship Hall
Mid-Year Business Meeting
Following the lunch
Fellowship Hall

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

July

July 1 - 5
International Youth Convention
Indianapolis

Friday, July 13,
Dessert & Canvas
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Newberry Room
(More info on page 2.)

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NEWS & EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY...Does reading the Bible seem boring or overwhelming? Is the Bible really relevant to today's world? Join a Small Group Discussion to explore the Book of Mark together for eight weeks and decide for yourself! The group will meet in the Community Center starting Wednesday, May 16 through Wednesday, July 11, 6:00 pm. Anyone is welcome, but the group size will be limited. Call Leah Helvering at 765-643-4236 to sign up or to learn more.

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) or Pastor Markle (dmarkle@ppchog.org).

RECYLCYING CHALLENGE FOR APRIL:

Just Beginning: Refuse to use straws
Challenge: Identify the yellow and green dumpster at your neighborhood school. Take all your paper, books, and paperboard (cereal cartons, etc.) to reduce the amount of your trash and help out the school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WOMEN OF PARK PLACE PRESENTS

Dessert & Canvas
 Friday, July 13, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 Newberry Room
 Cost: \$10:00
 Tickets will go on sale June 24 with a July 8 deadline.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE begins the middle of May. The league is coed and is open for 16 years old up. If you would like to play or have questions, please contact Pastor Joshua Mifflin, jmifflin@ppchog.org or 765-602-6087.



Fusion Youth

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

International Youth Convention, July 1 - 5
 For seventh grade grads through high school grads

Two ways to help the youth raise money for IYC:

EAT MORE CHICKEN!

FUSION Youth will host a **Chicken BBQ fundraiser Saturday June 2, 10:30 am—2:30 pm in the back parking lot behind Park Place Church** to help youth attend the Church of God International Youth Convention later in June. Tickets are being sold in advance. Cost \$7 for a 20 oz BBQ half chicken. Baked potatoes and soda will be available a-la-carte at an additional cost. Come, eat chicken, and help the youth attend IYC. Better yet take a book of tickets to sell to your family, friends, and neighbors.

YOUTH LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 24, immediately following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall prior to the Mid-Year Business Meeting.
 Cost: \$6.00, adults; \$3, children, K-5th grade, pre-K, free

~~CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES~~

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

Infants — 5th grade

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**Godly Play (ages 4 and up)**  
**May 13, 20, 27**

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Wednesday Night Kids
Resumes September 5

SAVE THE DATE...

Expressions Camp
 June 25 - 29

for ages 3 through grade five.

Evenings 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Prayer is our theme with crafts, stories, snacks, music, and lots of fun.

Children will lead in worship, Sunday, July 1

If you would like to serve, please see Pastor Barb, Steve or Brenda Hency

HONORING CONNIE TINCHER

We give thanks to God for the dedicated service of Connie Tinchler in the church office across the past eighteen years. Connie simply showed up every day and went about her work with purpose, thoroughness, and devotion to God and to us. She lived a prayerful presence in our midst and often shared a listening ear, a word of encouragement, and a good laugh.

We pray great blessing on you, Connie, and Mike in this new season of your life.

-- Pastor Dave



RETIREMENT...After working twenty-seven years at Park Place Children's Center, Priscilla Lacey will be retiring as of Friday, May 4. She started working in the Center as a pre-school assistant and moved to the role of Assistant Director.

Priscilla has developed many close relationships with the staff, the families of the center, and children over the years. She nurtured many of the young mothers with her wisdom in parenting. She will be missed. She will be traveling, caring for her two sweet grandchildren, and volunteering some of her time at her church and in the community.

We wish her well and are excited with her for this new venture in her life.

-- Barbara Tuttle

OUTREACH NEWS by Jim Bailey

COMMUNITY CENTER FACES TRANSITION WITH DEPARTURE OF KRISTIN STAYER

Kristin Stayer has been on the staff of Park Place Church for ten years. Eight years ago those responsibilities were channeled into the role of Executive Director of the Park Place Community Center.

Now the Community Center will take on new leadership as Kristin heads in a different direction as a consultant for After-School All-Stars, a national organization that partners with schools across the United States to expand the learning day for low-income children.

"I got to be a part of the Community Center formation," Kristin said. "Fortunately I had a great team of volunteers."

The Community Center opened its doors eight years ago to longstanding programs that included the Food Pantry and After School Fun, and added a number of other opportunities that include the Anderson City Market, Operation Veterans Services, the community garden, the Christmas Shop, cooking and nutrition classes, and CIA Sports.

The City Market begins its second season headquartered at the Community Center May 5 and will be open from 8:00 am to Noon every Saturday



through October on the south side of the Center with a backup in the gym during inclement weather.

Garden plots are still available for \$15 each for the season, which includes access to water, seeds, a compost bin, and tools.

Operation Veterans Services also continues through June on the first Friday of the month.

Kristin's new opportunity was an outgrowth of her involvement in Park Place Church's longstanding After School Fun program. "I've always been involved in after school programs," explained Kristin. "I had the chance to become a consultant for After-School All-Stars. It gives me flexibility."

That something she needs with the responsibility of the Stayers' newly adopted children, Ethan, Tristan, Christian, and Kaydynn. Fortunately for Park Place Church, they will be remaining a part of the congregational life.

For now, leadership of the Community Center will be in the hands of interim executive director, Kirsten Streit-Harting, who has been working alongside Stayer for several months, as the board looks toward the center's future.

"The Community Center has great opportunities ahead of it," observed Kristin. "I'm excited for it."

Note of Appreciation

The Something of Everything SALE was a great success!

We built community as 80 volunteers from Park Place, AU, and beyond worked together toward a common cause over the past months, weeks, and days.

We decluttered our homes, apartments, dorm rooms, Children's Center, and other spaces.

We were able to bless others with our donations by offering them at very reasonable prices.

We raised \$6,578.11 to help Tri-S students, the Community Center, and the Uganda team.

A heartfelt **"THANK YOU"** to: the more than 70 singles/couples/families from Park Place CHOG, PP Children's Center, PP Community Center, Church of God Ministries, other congregations including Indianapolis, and those from out-of-state that donated items to the garage sale.

Without the community effort we could not have had such a successful sale!! THANK YOU to each and every person who helped in any way. Keep your eyes and ears open for information regarding the next SALE! And in the meantime keep decluttering.

-- Gwen Johnson, Kathy Harp, and Dawn Wimmer

Thanks for the visits and prayer support. I appreciated the floral spray for the service.

-- Sheryl Maier
 and Family of John W. Maier

