
CALENDAR

January 14

- ◆ 8:45AM: Choristers
- ◆ 9:30AM: Sunday School for children through adults (Education Rooms)
- ◆ 12:00PM: Youth Group
- ◆ 12:30PM: New Members Class (Conference Room)
- ◆ 3:30PM: Bowling (AMF Belleview Bowl)
- ◆ 6:00PM: Sunday Night Ticket AA (East Fellowship Hall)

January 15- Martin Luther King Day

- ◆ **UPark UMC Offices Closed**
- ◆ 8:00PM: Group 13 AA (East Parlor)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Stepping Stones Al-Anon (Osborne Parlor)

January 16

- ◆ 10:00AM: Men's Fellowship (Osborne Parlor)
- ◆ 4:00PM: A Child's Song (Music Room)
- ◆ 5:00PM: Kindermusik (East Parlor)
- ◆ 6:30PM: Troop 5 (Noakes Hall, B03)
- ◆ 7:00PM: BMCM Meditation (East Parlor)

January 17

- ◆ 6:30PM: Pack 5 (Noakes Hall)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Forgiveness Al-Anon (East Parlor)

January 18

- ◆ 8:30AM: Mary Nicholas Footcare (Journeys In Faith)
- ◆ 7:00PM: Sangha Meditation (East Parlor)
- ◆ 7:15PM: Choir Rehearsal- All are welcome! (Choir Room)

January 19

- ◆ 12:00PM: PB & J Ministry (Civic Center Park)

January 20

- ◆ 7:45AM: FA in Recovery (East Parlor)

January 21- Toilet Paper Sunday

- ◆ 8:45AM: Choristers
- ◆ 9:30AM: Sunday School for children through adults (Education Rooms)
- ◆ 12:00PM: Leadership Orientation
- ◆ 6:00PM: Sunday Night Ticket AA (East Fellowship Hall)

Flowers today are given by Susan Lyday, Nancy Gwin, and Mary Erculiani in memory of Edward and Charlotte Estlow.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30AM in Wasser Chapel

11:00AM in the main Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Journeys in Faith meets in Bryans Room. Come join us for lively biblical discussions surrounding current issues and events. The facilitators will be Les Law and Richard Nelson.

- ◆ January 14: FIA – Homelessness combined class in East Fellowship Hall
- ◆ January 21: UMC Religion and Race Commission – Beloved Community

Cornerstone II meets in the Cornerstone II room at the bottom of the ramp from the glass doors. This group studies various topics depending on decisions made during discussions. The class is facilitated by Jeremy and Amy Long.

- ◆ January 14: FIA – Homelessness combined class in East Fellowship Hall
- ◆ January 21: Rah Paris – South Africa

Children's Sunday School meets on the third floor starting out in the music and movement room.

Middle School Sunday School meets in B03.

High School Sunday School meets in the Youth Lounge and will study various subjects of interest to the youth. Brittaney Nelson and Nick Shade will lead this group.

Adult Special Needs Sunday School meets in the Journeys in Faith classroom in the lower level of the Christian Education wing. Contact Hope Law, class teacher, for more information.

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UNIVERSITY PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 14, 2018

11:00 AM

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Valerie L. Jackson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 14, 2018
11:00AM
Sanctuary

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Be Thou My Vision *Irish melody, arranger J. Raney*

WELCOME H.O.M.E. Rev. Dr. Valerie L. Jackson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Frank Philipp

All: "There is something in every one of you that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself. It is the only true guide you will ever have." *Howard Thurman*

*HYMN 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*

HONORING OUR VISITORS Bethany Hader
FINDING FIVE

HEARING THE WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Frank Philipp
Reader: May God bless the hearing and understanding of these words.
All: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

ANTHEM: Be Thou My Vision *Irish Folk Song/ arr. Carlton Young*
[text: Ancient Irish]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Duane Buys
[As the children leave, let us join in singing]
**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,
All the shades from dark to light, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

HYMN 454: Open My Eyes, That I May See *Open My Eyes*

MESSAGE Rev. Jackson
Theme: What Did You Get for Christmas?
This Week's Topic: Meeting God for the First Time

SILENT PRAYER CHORAL PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERING

We give in gratitude for the blessings of our life and for making a better world.

CHORAL OFFERTORY PREFACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Karin Kowalski
Leader: O Holy One, we pray for the commitment to grow together,
sharing the gifts you give us with others here and in the wider world.
May we do no harm. May we do good in all things and in every place we
go: to nurture our relationship with you;

**People: to care for every part of your creation; to foster justice and to be in solidarity with those in need; to work for peace and end of violence.
We open our hearts to you and your creation in the name of Jesus,
who is the Christ. Amen.**

OFFERTORY: A Flemish Carol *Arr. Paul Christiansen*

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY HYMN 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN 593: Here I Am, Lord *Here I Am, Lord*

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jackson

*BENEDICTION
CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: In Thee Is Gladness *Arr. Dale Wood*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: David Rankin, Phil Laramore, Carole Rollins, Marilyn Meredith,
Bob Wilson
Greeters: Kathy Wood, Kathy Spickelmier, Chuck Jansch, Carol Jansch

GET INVOLVED

For a complete list of events and committee meetings, please visit us at uparkumc.org.

New Members Class

January 14, 2018, 12:30PM-4:00PM.
It is our pleasure to invite you to consider becoming a member of the UPark community, and our vision of "Love Uncensored." Please join us at the UPark and You new membership class. We will share a light lunch together. Join us in the conference room.

Martin Luther King Day

UPark UMC will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Youth News

We'll start our new year today, January 14th! We'll gather after the 11:00 service, have lunch in B03, and head to AMF Monaco Lanes for some good old fashion competition. You need to bring about \$25 for bowling and lunch.

Leadership Orientation

Attention all 2018 lay and committee leaders!
Leadership orientation will be held Sunday, January 21, 2018 immediately after worship.
Please RSVP by January 15 to Jessica Carmer, jcarmer@uparkumc.org.

Annual Celebration

Sunday, January 28
UPark UMC's Annual Celebration will be held Sunday, January 28.
Committee Reports are due by January 18, 2018.

Attention all bowlers!

This will be the 30th year for our bowling league, which originally started at Evanston back in 1989. We bowl at AMF Belleview Bowl near the corner of Federal and Belleview. We bowl at 3:30 PM on Sunday afternoons starting on January 14th for approximately 15 weeks, ending in the early part of May. All ages and abilities are welcome. The cost is \$10.00 per bowler per week and this includes shoe rental, practice and 3 games. We had eight teams last year and have several slots to fill for this coming season. Please contact either Rob Eulenstein (303-220-0192) or Larry Roggensack (303-368-8898) for additional information and to sign up.

Save the Date: 2ND TUESDAY FORUM ON RACE

Saturday, January 20 at 10:30AM, Park Hill United Methodist Church
Dr. Bob Atwell will lead us in a review and discussion of Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America, by Ibram X. Kendi. In this provocative book Kendi, a professor of history and international relations at American University, Washington DC, argues that discriminatory actions come first. Then racist ideas are developed to justify them. Kendi says that his "definition of a racist idea is a simple one: it is any concept that regards one racial group as inferior or superior to another racial group in any way." He explores the history of racist ideas through three distinct approaches: segregationists, assimilationists, and antiracists. Books will be available at UPark for \$17.21 (cash or check made out to Tattered Cover).

Church Women United

Friday, January 19
Church Women United will celebrate (in style) with their annual Lunch and Style Show at Littleton United Methodist Church. Cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch! Purchase a ticket from Dorothy Musil at the desk on Sunday morning!

Community Workshop

February 23-24 at the Evanston Center:
This workshop (provided by Alternatives to Violence Project) unlocks the strengths each of us have to transform ourselves and thereby transform our families and community. It will be highly experiential involving exercises, games, and role playing to build community and cooperation, foster affirmation and self-esteem, improve communication, and provides tools for creative conflict resolution.

T.P Sunday

T.P. Sunday has traditionally been the third Sunday of the month. Hunger challenged SNAP (formerly food stamps) recipients cannot purchase items like toilet paper with their food coupons. Please bring a roll or two of T.P. that week (or anytime, really.)