

Sunday, May 22, 2022



WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us either in person or virtually, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate please <u>click here to fill out our Connect Card</u> and a staff member will be in touch!



Information Hub

Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? We've made it easier for you with our information hub! You can find it online from

your computer or phone. Visit www.southparkchurch.
org/info (it's easy to remember!) or connect to it from the link in our Instagram bio or "Learn More" button on our Facebook page.

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY

If you have ever been hurt or struggled with a bad habit or debilitating hang-up...in other words, if you are human...Celebrate Recovery is for YOU! CR is a 12-Step Recovery Program based on our only Higher Power, Jesus Christ. Did you know – only 1/4 of Celebrate Recovery participants struggle with drugs, alcohol, or sexual addictions? Most of us at CR are struggling with the issues of codependency, broken and dysfunctional relationships, depression, anxiety, guilt, anger, grief, need to control, shopping, gambling or food addictions, abuse, and the list goes on. In Jesus Christ, there is Hope and Life, and you will learn how to find these at Celebrate Recovery!

A typical Celebrate Recovery meeting includes: 7:00 p.m. – Large Group meeting 8:00 p.m. – Open Share small groups

The Large Group meeting is designed for the participant to set aside the busyness and stress of the outside world by entering into a time of prayer, worship, and teaching as a way of getting in touch with the one and only Higher Power, Jesus Christ, and your Celebrate Recovery community.

The Open Share small group meets immediately after the Large Group meeting and provides a place for the participant to connect with other Celebrate Recovery attendees. This is a safe place where participants can be in gender-specific groups and issue-specific groups.

Celebrate Recovery at South Park Church meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & on Zoom. Anyone 18+ yrs. old is welcome at anytime. Email <u>SouthParkChurchCR@gmail.com</u> or call the church office for more information!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Night Praise and Prayer Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us at South Park Church in worshipping God and seeking first His kingdom! This week we will pray specifically for the upcoming Prayer Fair, the College Ministry Bible Study, and will continue to pray for the pastoral search and vision. Bring your own prayer requests, (nothing is too big or too small), and be ready to lift up the requests of others. And don't forget to share praise of answered prayers! All are encouraged to come: seasoned prayer warriors, absolute beginners, and everyone in between. If you are passionate about prayer ministry and can help to plan Tuesday Praise and Prayer nights, email Gretchen at gretchen.gullo@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Prayer

Sundays at 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. You don't need to pray with fancy words and you can come and go as you are able. The important thing is to come with a humble desire to see God work in our lives, our church, and beyond. Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI 0alZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09

NOTE: Beginning next Sunday, May 28, prayer will run from 9 - 9:50 a.m. each Sunday.

College Summer Bible Study "Kick-off" Monday, May 30, 6 p.m., Cafe

Calling all college students...join us for the Summer College Bible Study kick off event! Join us Monday, May 30th, at 6pm in the South Park Church Cafe. We'll catch up on each other's lives, eat pizza and look ahead to the weekly study that will begin on June 6th and run for 8 weeks. Join this opportunity to strengthen your friendships and grow in your faith in a fresh way this summer. Text Kristin at 847-989-3672 to let her know you're coming and if you have any questions.

Women's Ministry Summer Gathering Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the Summer Gathering! We will meet for coffee and sweets at "Off The Wall" in Park Ridge from 9:00 - 11:00 am followed by an outing to the Kane County Flea Market in St. Charles from 12 - 4:00 pm. Participate in both "Off the Wall" and the "Kane County Flea Market" or just participate in one or the other. The cost of "Off the Wall" depends on what will be ordered and the cost of the admission to the flea market is \$6.00. Please visit www.southparkchurch.org/info to RSVP to this event by June 1.

Thrive Summer Study: Life's Healing Choices Thursdays beginning June 9, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We've all been hurt by others, we've also hurt others, and we've hurt ourselves as well. Where do we go for help? The book "Life's Healing Choices" is based on Rick Warren's "Road to Recovery" sermon series. Using the Beatitudes of Jesus as a foundation, Rick Warren and John Baker, (pastors at Saddleback Church) give eight steps to spiritual freedom which will help us overcome it all with Christ as the source of lasting change. Cost is \$10 for the study guide. Visit our info hub at www.southparkchurch.org/info to register.

Prayer Fair

Sunday, June 12, Following Service

Join us after church on June 12 for some "good eats" and take a designated walk with your family on the church grounds spending time engaging with Our Heavenly Father. The fair provides 7 stops with prompts for specific prayers.

6th - 12th graders - Volunteer for VBS!

6th grade students will have the opportunity to be Jr leaders while our 7th- 12th grade can be activity leaders and small group student leaders. Click here to tell us you'd like to volunteer!

Journey Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:10 a.m., Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Many people have mixed feelings and unanswered questions about the Book of Job. However, close study reveals this very old book as a wonderful description of how the world works and, most importantly, how God works with us in the world. Join us today for the conclusion of this 2-part lesson on the Book of Job with Rachel Hands. You can also participate in Journey using Zoom by visiting http://www.zoom.us/join and entering Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 Password: 554103.

NOTE: This is the last week Adult Sunday School will meet until fall. Join us at 9 a.m. Sundays for prayer throughout the summer.

Vacation Bible School

July 11 - 14, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Our VBS program is for students going into Kindergarten through incoming 5th graders. Registration is open and spaces are limited so visit www.southparkchurch.org/info and click on the VBS image to register today!

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need for resources, financial help, or prayer, please reach out to Kristin Sorensen, Care Director. at kristin@southpark-church.org or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125.

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

These prayer requests represent just some of the ways we are uplifting each other in prayer. For additional opportunities to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend this Tuesday's Praise & Prayer Night at 7pm as well as Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom (email info@southparkchurch.org for the Zoom link).

Please pray for comfort and peace for **Stephanie Mejia and her family** as they grieve the loss of Stephanie's grandmother and prepare to celebrate her life tomorrow.

Please pray for Jon Evans as he is being treated for leukemia. Please pray Jon tolerates the treatments well, that they are successful, and that Jon feels the closeness of his Savior during this time.

Please pray for Catherine Hankins to respond positively to the cancer treatments in order to shrink and destroy the tumors. Please pray for Catherine, Mark, and their daughters to feel the steadfast love and care of the Lord as they walk this journey.

Continue to pray for our Outreach Partners (Ted and Alya) as they minister to Ukrainian refugees. Please pray that God will bless their work and that the comfort and hope they offer will point Ukrainian refugees to Christ. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, those that have fled and those that remain, to experience God's protection and comfort like never before.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will enable the Pastoral Search Team to identify a godly leader, teacher, shepherd, and collaborator, who can advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ through service as our next Senior Pastor at SPC. May He be our guide as we continue to consider potential candidates.

Please pray for great wisdom and discernment for our country's leaders. And, pray that South Park Church will be a mature church body that can engage in humble and grace-filled biblical dialogue.

Continue to pray for: Jimmy Rancich, Al Pasternak, Will Holm, Wanda Mejia, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky