

Park Avenue Church: Outreach and Missions Team

Summer Series 2022:

Meet our Community Partners!

Sundays, 9:00am in the Gathering Room

Please bring to the sessions you attend a non-food donation for the monthly food distributions (laundry, hand, dish soap; toothpaste; toilet paper; baby wipes; diapers, shampoo).

June 12, 2022 – Free Food Events sponsored by PAUMC, IPV, Source MN, Messiah UMC, Volunteer Lawyers Network

Park Avenue Church and Iglesia Piedra Viva partnered with others in 2020 to share food, emotional and spiritual support with our neighbors in response to the disproportionate need in communities of color created by COVID-19 and the aftermath of George Floyd's murder. Other organizations have joined these efforts that continue to serve between 40 and 80 families every month. **Come hear our story and how you can help!**

www.parkavechurch.org and www.ipvmn.org

June 19, 2022 – Source MN, Inc. (Peter and Jessica Wohler)

Peter and Jessica Wohler stepped up and out of Park Avenue UMC in 1995 to start Source MN, Inc., an urban outreach and anti-trafficking nonprofit that empowers at-risk and unreached to make a break from the past and build foundations for the future. Most recently in the COVID-19 season, Source MN has been giving away 500-660 tons of food annually. **Come share the love as we hear from Source MN!**

<https://sourcemn.org/>

June 26, 2022 – Families Moving Forward and its work fighting homelessness (speaker Harrison Bullard)

Harrison Bullard is the Campaign & Congregational Organizer for Beacon Interfaith. He is passionate about his calling to make sure everyone has a home. Park Avenue UMC partners with Families Moving Forward, a ministry of Beacon Interfaith, to accompany families in their journey to sustainable housing. Beacon Interfaith's vision—that all people have a home—is brought to life as they carry out their mission as a collaborative of congregations united in action to create homes and advance equitable housing. **Come hear about the state of housing in Minneapolis!**

<https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/>

July 10, 2022 – Cornerstone Ministry (speaker Sally Nixon)

Sally Nixon is the director of Cornerstone Thrift Store, which has been in operation out of Park Avenue Church for more than 30 years. Originally conceived as a way to share baby clothes by longtime member Josephine Buntin and built to what it is today by Wanda Bryant and a host of dedicated volunteers, Cornerstone is a treasure trove in our community, providing affordable clothing and household goods to absolutely anyone who chooses to shop in our store. We have outfitted people for work, fancy events, school, and playing in the snow. **Come hear about how Cornerstone blesses our community and how you can help!**

<https://parkavechurch.org/cornerstone-volunteer/>

July 24, 2022 – Christ's Children (Chris and Lisa McNair)

Chris McNair, a young minister originally from El Paso, Texas met Lisa, a teacher from Minnesota, when both were serving in ministry at Park Avenue Church in South Minneapolis. They were married in 1989 and took up permanent residence in the Central neighborhood, where they have been ever since. In 1994, after several years serving the community at Park Avenue Church, they founded Christ's Children Ministries in order to

follow their call to support unchurched families in the inner city. This unique ministry has taken abundant forms over the years including house church, basketball teams, in-school programs, advocacy and counseling, summer camps and youth retreats, family-centric social events and more. **Come hear the continuation of this amazing story!**

<https://christchildrenministries.org/>

July 31, 2022 – Navigators (Jane Menning and Anna Snider)

What does it mean to make disciples like Jesus instructed us to do? Jane Menning and Anna Snider, Park Avenue members, serve with the Minneapolis/St Paul Navigators to connect, develop and resource everyday disciple makers to invest in others where they live, work, and worship for spiritual generations of Jesus followers. The Navigators' Minneapolis/St. Paul city director, Jane Menning, and her husband, Ryan, have spent over 15 years ministering in cross cultural settings in Asia and in the US. Anna Snider, who is third-culture, uses this gift to bridge differences among people as she leads The Navigators' national Ongoing Cultural Competence work. **Come hear how disciples for all ages are made!**

<https://www.navigators.org/>

August 7, 2022 -- UMCOR Mary Lou Boice Director of Communications and the Advance

Mary Lou Boice is the UMCOR Director of Communications and the Advance. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, is part of the Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

Come hear about the relief work of United Methodists around the world!

August 14, 2022 – Iglesia Piedra Viva (Rev. Jesús Purisaca Ruiz)

Rev. Jesus E. Purisaca Ruiz is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church who arose out of Park Avenue UMC. He pastors Iglesia Piedra Viva (IPV) or "Living Stone Church" in English—a United Methodist church plant in South Minneapolis that now shares space at PAUMC. IPV is comprised of adults and children from various Spanish speaking countries and contexts. IPV worships and conducts business mostly in Spanish but interacts bilingually and cross-culturally. **Come hear how God is at work among and through IPV in South Minneapolis!**

www.ipvmn.org

August 28, 2022 – PAUMC Youth Group - Mission Trip 2022

A long-standing Park Avenue Ministry, the Youth Group and programming facilitates opportunities for our young people to participate in worship, community, and outreach that introduces them to God's amazing love. Every two years the Park Avenue Youth Group embarks on a mission trip. **Come hear about this year's adventure from the youth themselves!**