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# Parker UMC



## WAYS TO CONNECT:

### Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service

### Mondays

5:30 pm. Centering Prayer

Rayne UMC

### Tuesdays

3:30 p.m. Luke's House

Homeless ministry

5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer

St. Andrew's Episcopal

### Wednesdays

7:15 am. Centering Prayer

St. Mark's UMC

5:30 pm. Centering Prayer

Lakeview Presbyterian

### Thursday

5 pm. Centering Prayer

Chapel of the Holy Spirit

7 pm. Spirituality in Poetry

Parker UMC

## Pastoral Inspirations

### Spiritual Poetry

Thursday, 8-5-10

7 pm

Come to Parker for the continuing series with poems by W.B. Yeats and group discussion.

### Worshipping

Sunday, 11 am

"Heart-Tending" is the theme of worship and I invite you to be considering what it means to "tend your own heart." Then join me in asking: "To what am I more attached than I am to living in God's Presence at this time? And what Promised Land of what I was expecting am I will-

ing to let go of in favor of simply following the heart's lead towards my True Home?"

We will also share a passing of the peace, a silent worship time, a poem from Linda Walker, and beautiful music with Rachelen playing and Angie singing.

I would like to have a greeter at the door handing a bulletin to each person and welcoming our guests. Would you come early and be the one?

### Service

Do you have a leading for how we could all join together in an act

of service in our community? I hear this is the single best way to create a sense of true community.

### Prayer

A new centering prayer group happens at 7:15 a.m. Wednesdays at St. Mark's UMC on North Rampart. Come be still.

### Icon Art

Icon painting is a form of prayer and evening classes are happening in August if you sign up now by contacting the instructor, Michael, at michaelleetaylor

@gmail.com. Risk it, let your inner artist out.

William

### Spiritual Poetry

Today, 8-5-10

7 pm

W. B. Yeats  
At Parker UMC.  
Discussion led by  
David O'Donahue

### Food & Friends Pot-luck

Sunday, August 22, 12 noon

Please think now of a friend you would invite to come eat and share as a community. Then bring a dish and dive in!



# A Contemplative Community

School for Contemplative Living



Come center,  
Share, and  
Dance for peace  
Info:

504-899-3431  
[www.thescl.net](http://www.thescl.net)

Calling all  
contemplatives  
Sunday, August 29th  
3 p.m.

Parker UMC

Centering and universal  
Dances for Peace

Presenters: All of us who seek this way



As we remember Katrina  
together....

Draw near,

Kneel more,

Practice being

# LISTEN LISTEN



*The Naked Now:*

*Seeing as the Mystics See*

*By Richard Rohr*

*This internationally known Franciscan monk has written a beautiful, easy to read, collection of ways we can leap forward in the spiritual journey, though the contemplative path is very, very challenging. Plan to join us for a discussion group at Parker on this insightful new work by Father Rohr beginning 9-12-10, 10 a.m.*

*And then mark your calendars now: He will come share with us next year from April 4-7, 2011.*

We would love to hear from all Parker people!  
Share your inspirations with our Parker Community.

Email whatever is inspiring you to:

[soulcare4u@bellsouth.net](mailto:soulcare4u@bellsouth.net)

(poems, stories, songs, phrases, personal beliefs, pictures)

These will be shared through our Parker newsletter.

## **Centering Prayer**

New Group  
Wednesdays, 7:15 am  
St. Mark's UMC  
On Rampart

SCL  
Events  
Coming  
Soon

## **Sacred Yoga**

New Group  
Tuesdays, 9 am  
Ecoutez! Retreat

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*Great Read:*

## Strengthening the Soul of your Leadership

By Ruth Haley Barton

Moses was a man with incredible potential for leadership, especially spiritual leadership. But his very gifts were untutored in his early adulthood. So the gift of seeking social justice without wise inner guidance caused him to kill an Egyptian in a burst of anger.

Terrified of being found out he went into hiding for years. There in the solitude of life alone with God his gifts and inner being were shaped for maximum potential. He learned to turn aside and notice Presence in encounters with a burning bush. He learned to stand still and wait on God at the Red Sea when the Egyptian army was fast pursuing the Hebrew people.

We too need Divine tutoring during solitude times.

Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership is the challenging story of how spiritual leaders are, like Moses, ever in need of extensive time alone with God: yearning, longing, listening, seeking, following, finding. We too are capable of so much more than just operating from our most primitive instincts.

We too need help in releasing our lesser motivations in leadership, such as fear of disapproval, grabbing power, avoiding conflict, etc. We too need daily contact with the Power Greater than Ourselves who sees our best motivations and gifts and can use them to lead The People. And we too need help in finding the courage to "ride the monsters of our emotions down to the bottom" where we can face our weaknesses, surrender them to the Great Love, and find our best selves arising from those ashes to fulfill our leadership potential in the kingdom.

I invite you to join me in reading and being transformed by this marvelous call to "strengthen the soul of our leadership." I need this help desperately. Do you? **Watch for a group study** in August.