

# Parables

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## Parables Spotlight



Ajani "AJ" Woodson

You can find AJ most Sundays at the back of the church with a big smile on his face. He has been attending Parables Worship Service for almost 3 years since being introduced to WCC by Allie Henley. AJ shared that Parables is special in that he has never found another church service where there are people like him!

AJ was born in Toronto, Canada and made his way to Minnesota in 2008. He currently lives in Golden Valley and works for Allianz Life Insurance. AJ is also known for his public speaking. He is an advocate for equal opportunity employment for those with disabilities. AJ was quick to point out that this work has led him to meet the mayor of Golden Valley, Shep Harris, the mayor of Minneapolis, Jacob Frey and the attorney general of Minnesota, Keith Ellison. Keep up the good work AJ!

AJ enjoys working out at the gym and loves sushi!



Ruth and Rachel Schoon

As churches closed their doors due to Covid, Ruth started looking for looking for an online church service and she stumbled upon WCC. Ruth and Rachel began tuning into the 9:00 service, Ruth instantly connected with Danielle and her style of preaching. It was through one of those services they learned about Parables and the Special Needs Ministry.

Last July, Rachel decided to attend one of the park pop-ups. Fast Forward, Ruth and Rachel now attend 9:00 and 10:15 services almost every Sunday. They are actively involved in the church from Rachel being a regular at AWE to Ruth attending Mom's Night Out.

Ruth shared, "You all have created an instant ability to feel included in a community. We have a sense of belonging!"

Ruth and Rachel have a rescue dog, Sara that they enjoy taking for walks in parks and around lakes throughout the Twin Cities.

Rachel loves music, books, animals and being an Aunt to Liberty (Birdie), Ivy and Maverick. She also works a couple days a week at Culvers.

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# Featured Articles

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## Chapel Update



On January 24th, the highly anticipated audio and visual transformation began! The Chapel was completely torn apart all week and filled with miles of cable, tools, ladders, speakers, cameras and half a dozen technicians. They were able to pull the Chapel back together just in time for us to get a sneak peak with the Parables Worship Service being livestreamed. The quality is amazing and the ability of capturing multiple angles is going to take the service to the next level. The crew has returned this week to complete the installation. Stay tuned and tune-in to check out the new technology!

## Mom's Spring Retreat

We have a serene and beautiful location reserved just a short drive from the Twin Cities.

The indoor space is cozy and the outdoor surroundings are inspiring. For those that would like to spend the night, private accommodations are available. This is a time to connect with other mothers, relax, go on walks, be silly.... but most importantly, time for yourself.

Additional details to follow.



**Please reach out if you would like to get involved with the Special Needs Ministry. Your input and ideas are always welcomed.**

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## Programming and Events

### **SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING for Elementary, Middle and High School**

**Sundays 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The Family Ministry Team's goal is to make these times and spaces of worship inclusive for all. Please reach out if you have a child that would like to attend and could use some assistance. Times and locations vary depending on age, please reference the Elementary, Middle and High School pages.

### **AWE ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 in the Holmes Room**

Whether in person or online you can follow along and participate as we have created a weekly bible study presentation. This innovative approach allows everyone to participate through the use of interactive videos, song and discussion prompts. Join us and together we can grow in FAITH.

**No class March 2nd Ash Wed. and March 16h Big Fish**

### **FRIENDSHIP/RESPIRE GROUP**

**Saturday, February 12, 10:00-1:00. \$20**

Friendship Group offers something for everyone! There are small and large group activities, from open gym to arts and crafts. If you want some quiet time, there is always a movie playing. Hope to see YOU!

### **ONLINE BINGO**

**Mondays from 4:30-5:15 p.m. February 7th and 14th**

Online Bingo continues to be a fan favorite and will be offered twice a month on Mondays. This is a fun way to check in with friends and connect.

### **FOCUS GROUP SESSIONS**

**February 15th and 17th, 5:30-6:30 & 7:00-8:00**

**February 23rd, AWE 6:15**

**Piper Library Childcare available**

Jen Hawley will be conducting focus groups to help guide us as we look to the future of The Special Needs Ministry. Please consider participating in one of the groups as your input is helpful and valued. Check your inbox for further details.

