

Pastor's Page

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Welcome to Christmas Eve at Wesley Park! We have been blessed to tend the Peace Light from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem throughout the season of Advent. This light from the place where Jesus was born illuminates our worship services tonight and is the light that glows from the luminaries outside. The Peace Light has been a constant reminder that on Christmas morning the Light of the world has come, and the darkness can never overcome it.

Christmas is a new beginning. And, what a gift it is! I hope that you will reflect on the light of Jesus, and allow that light to brighten your journey. Take a look at the ministry opportunities that are happening at Wesley Park in the weeks ahead, and let your light shine!

Peace,

Rae Dea Martin

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December 24, 2018



Epiphany Party

La Nueva Esperanza UMC will be holding an Epiphany Party January 5 at 11 am at Wesley Park for all Puerto Rican refugees. Call the church office if you can help.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Nights are for Food, Fellowship, Singing, and Faith Formation for all ages at Wesley Park. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Youth Group, Children's Choir, and Adult Study begin at 6:30 pm. Wednesday Nights will start up again January 16. The Adult Study will be a Holy Conversation led by Pastor Dean on the church and human sexuality. Our guide [Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness](#) will be available at the Welcome Desk.

You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/ya8vjy3p>

Foundations Worship

Worshipping God on a regular basis feeds us, focuses us, and forms us. The Foundations Worship Service begins at 9:15 am and includes the gifts of the Chancel Choir. Of course, all are welcome!

IMPACT Worship

The IMPACT Worship and Service begins at 11 am and includes regular hands-on projects for people to act on faith. In 2019, the IMPACT Worship helped to start the Community Garden, painted Blessing Rocks, and initiated Diaper Blessings. Of course, all are welcome!

Fifth Sundays

Anytime there is a Fifth Sunday, plan on one combined 10 am worship service followed by a Potluck and Ministry Celebrations.

Food Truck

The Feeding America Food Truck has been an ongoing ministry at Wesley Park. Gifts toward the Good Sam Fund cover the \$625 monthly costs which have allowed us to serve 85,000 pounds of food to 1,515 families in 2018 along with the residents of Pine Oak Senior Apartments. We have also started a Diaper Pantry that is very well received. Please consider bringing diapers to be blessed the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for making this a part of your giving and volunteering. Your help is needed the first Thursday of each month anytime between 5 and 7 pm.

Family Promise

Family Promise is an organization that provides housing for people in need. Most shelters do not allow parents to stay with their children. Wesley Park hosts up to five families four times each year for one week. We provide evening meals and a safe, welcoming place to stay. Our next Family Promise week is January 6-13, 2019. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call the church office.

You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ybt93jo2>.

Dinner Theatre

The Greatest Youth Group in the Universe has already begun Sunday afternoon rehearsals each week for the 5th Annual Dinner Theatre, Crumpled Classics. Help support the Youth Mission Trip on March 23rd, a night of great food and lots of laughter! The Youth Mission Trip will be in Vermont this year. The estimated cost for a youth to go on this life-changing Mission Trip is \$300. If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a youth, please contact the church office.

Commitment

Let's not kid ourselves. God is the source of all that we have. Make a commitment today to support the work of Jesus Christ at Wesley Park, in our community, and around the world. Fill out a Commitment Card today or bring it back next week. Or, take advantage of the convenience of giving online. Go to www.easytithe.com/wesleypark and set up one-time or recurring gifts. You can also give by texting 616-213-0707.

Giving Tree

Wesley Park UMC is in partnership with Godwin Heights Junior High to provide hats, mittens, scarves, etc. Please add to the Giving Tree in the Welcome Center by January 6.

Time Capsule

Workers in the Memorial Garden discovered the Wesley Park UMC Time Capsule. We believe it was opened on the 50th Anniversary of the church in 2004. We would like to see what is inside and add to it in 2019. If you are interested in helping to plan a big celebration around the Time Capsule, please let the church office know.

Memorial Garden

Work has been underway transforming the garden between the Sanctuary and Family Life Center into a Memorial Garden and Columbarium. If you would like to purchase a niche in the columbarium, or a brick to engrave for the walkway, information is at the table by the Memorial Garden. Work will continue in the spring.