



Wesley Park Weekly

September 9, 2018

Pastor's Page

Wesley Park UMC is proud to be a Host Congregation for Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). We will be hosting families September 23-30. Sign up today at the Welcome Desk to help! Here is information from www.familypromise.org:

The overall goal and purpose of Family Promise is to provide children and their families with shelter, basic needs and assistance as they seek permanent housing. Family Promise is unique in that it does not split up families during their crisis. Dads and boys over the age of 10 are allowed to remain with their families, keeping the family unit strong.

IHN is also unique in that it is able to meet the emergency needs of the families we serve through the hard work of a small staff and over 2,000 volunteers. The majority of the work is provided through 16 Host Congregations and additional Support Congregations who house families in their facilities every night. All the evening activities of housing, feeding, encouraging and interacting with the children and families are conducted by volunteers. We are able to utilize existing community resources of the congregations to make every dollar count. The IHN program operates at less than 1/3 the average cost of most shelters!

During the day, families come to a "home base" which is our on-site Day Center, where they are busy taking care of family business. Through the use of our computer center, case managers, and mentors, they are able to access community resources to search for employment and housing. Key to their success is the fact that every family is connected to the community through volunteers at the congregations as well as through mentors in our Family Mentoring Program. Families are able to build a new community network that helps them achieve their goals of independence.

We are excited to report that 90% of the families served last year found permanent housing. Furthermore, 96% of the families are housed two years later!

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Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, September 10	Finance, 7 PM		
Tuesday, September 11	Congregational Care, 2:30 PM SPRC, 6:30 PM		
Wednesday, September 12	Womens Prayer Group 10:00 AM Internal Readiness Team, 6 PM Youth Group, 6:30 PM Ephesians Bible Study, 6:30 PM Square Dancing 6:30 PM Faith Development, 7:45 PM	Sara Kropp	Duane & Carol Rowlson
Thursday, September 13	Praise Team! 5:00 PM Chancel Choir, 6:30 PM		
Friday, September 14	Freddi's Angels, 3 PM	Alison Reidel Kathy Swanson	Mitch & Laura Reidel Jerry & Tonya Seim
Saturday, September 15		Wendy Harr	
Sunday, September 16	Foundations Service, 9:15 AM Youth Group, 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Check, 10:30 AM Fellowship, 10:30 AM IMPACT, 11 AM	Pat Carruthers	Gary & Deb Hodges

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The Prayers of Our Hearts

Val Rienks - Appointment with Dr. Foley went well. He didn't feel that Dr. Wu is the correct person for the next step; so he referred me to Dr. DeVries. That appointment is Tuesday, September 18. Dr. Wu's specialty is concussions. Dr. DeVries works with chemo patients.

Dorie DeCommer - The lady who does my hair is having trouble with her children's bus ride to school. Prayers for the management at Metron of Forest Hills.

Sallie McLean - Praise the Lord! I walked 45 steps with a walker this week. More to come.

Darlene Pinder - Blessed with family this weekend.

Freddi Angus - Friday morning was a nature run. Blue birds, swans, ducks, butterflies, trees, and fish were seen along the six miles. It took a long time, but it was so spiritual and awesome. Fun to hear you, Dean, talk of your excitement.

Delores Mull - Please pray for my friend, Louise. She fell and broke her knee. She had to have surgery on it. Pray for a quick recovery.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Prayers for Fran Melinn who was in a bad motor cycle accident.

Rich Austin - The message was right on target for our earth. We are stewards of the earth with responsibility for it.

Ken & Linda McKenney - Prayers of thanksgiving and joy for a wonderful trip to England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. What a beautiful experience.

Chuck Johnson - Prayers for safe travels to North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee.

Esther Fernandez - Please pray for my sister, Aida. She is flying to Michigan from Tampa. Pray for this beautiful world. Thank you Lord for all your blessings.

September Faith Formation

There will be a Bible study based on the book of Ephesians during the month of September. It started on September 5th, but there is still time to join. It will run for the rest of the month. This week they will be discussing chapters 3 and 4. Both men and women are welcome to join. The class will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:30 pm. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$19,758

(36 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$31,578

(16 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$1,158**

Family Promise Host Week

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will be the week of September 23, 2018. Our guests will be moving in on Sunday, September 23rd. It takes much prayer and many hands to make each Family Promise week successful and give our guests a loving, safe, and welcoming place to stay. Please check your calendars and prayerfully consider when or how you might be able to assist our guests. The Signup Genius site is up and running. Please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/2ohClxs>. Mary Anne Keyes and Kelly Olsen will be in the Welcome Center between services each Sunday if you need assistance.

Family Promise Volunteer Meeting

There will be a meeting for all volunteers (new and existing) in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 16. This will be a brief meeting between services. We will be giving you updates on the program and we are also looking to find 1 or 2 people who may be interested in joining us as additional coordinators. These people would need to be willing to step up when needed as coordination of these weeks is too big for one person. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this ministry. We hope to see all of our volunteers at the meeting on the 16th.