



Wesley Park Weekly

September 16, 2018

Pastor's Page

How do you say thank you to a group of people who work so hard and want no thanks? Every Tuesday a group of people come to Wesley Park with a long list of "to-do's" in their pocket. The list is as varied as you could imagine: patch a wall, store a desk, install a light, find that "humming" sound, organize the cables, remove the grass from between the cracks on the sidewalk, add new handicap parking spaces, test the boiler, clean the walls and rails and closets and storage rooms... We affectionately call this group the "Tuesday Guys." They work hard. They have fun. They serve God.

For many years, Earl Morrow has been the leader of this bunch. Earl brought to Wesley Park his God-given gifts of property management as he was in charge of caring for the property of Central Michigan University until retirement. Earl is cool and organized and smart and respected. He has an ease about him that does not reveal the never-ending projects he keeps on the sheets of paper in his pockets.

Earl has chosen to retire from being the head of the Tuesday Guys. He will still be there every Tuesday, working alongside the others then going to Burger King for lunch. But our new Tuesday Guy coordinator is Chuck Starnes. Chuck also has the uncanny characteristic of being calm in the midst of the storm, joy-full, and as smart and giving as they come. The guys are happy for his leadership.

They have told me many times they do not want recognition for this work. The reason they enjoy the work on Tuesday is because it lends to a bit of anonymity and doesn't require them to be singled out. But if you're sitting near one of them, pat them on the back and tell them thanks.

Chuck Starnes, Earl Morrow, Duane Rowson, Bill Kerby, David Fisher, Rich Austin, Scott Maynard, and others.

And, please thank Gary Hodges for working tirelessly and faithfully mowing the lawn at the church each week!

Rich Austin

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, September 17	Council, 7 PM	Bill Van Dalsen	
Tuesday, September 18	Senior Saints, noon	Ryan Bengston Scott Hepp	
Wednesday, September 19	Womens Prayer Group 10:00 AM Youth Group, 6:30 PM Ephesians Bible Study, 6:30 PM Square Dancing 6:30 PM	Judith Colley	
Thursday, September 20	Praise Team! 5:00 PM Chancel Choir, 6:30 PM	Nicole Gibbard Evan Graham	
Friday, September 21		Naomi Blanco Avery Terry	
Saturday, September 22			
Sunday, September 23	Foundations Service, 9:15 AM Youth Group, 9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:30 AM IMPACT, 11 AM	Kim Peterson	

Family Promise Volunteer Meeting

Just a reminder that the meeting for all current and new volunteers for Family Promise is today after the service.

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The Prayers of Our Hearts

Andrew Hughes - Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards of encouragement, meals and support. Jess is doing better, but has some healing to go. She has a reconstruction surgery on September 11. It is not as difficult, but please keep her in your prayers. Thank you again church family!

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Prayers for Ron and for good results on the test this Thursday.

Mary Mingledorff - Thanks for prayers for my brother, John, in Pennsylvania. Answers came!

Nancy Carpenter - Prayers for our country. I had a Facebook fundraiser (for my birthday) on behalf of Family Promise. There was \$135 raised!

Esther Fernandez - My sister, Aida, had a safe trip. I can not wait until we go see her in Canton, Michigan. She is like my second mom. Thank you Father for her and for all the blessings you give to me.

Carolyn DuBuis - Please pray for safe travel as we get ready to take our bus trip to Washington, D.C.

Kathy Swanson - All the teachers at Oriole Park wish to thank the congregation and the UMC Women's group for the school supplies. Thank you for blessing us and the children with your generosity! Thank you especially for my pencil sharpener (it's the Cadillac of pencil sharpeners)!!

Barb DeCan - Blessings to the new family that bought our folks house.

Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen - So good to have the Chancel Choir back after summer break!

Luann Hoffman - Please pray for successful outcome of my hip replacement surgery on Sept. 20.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$20,249

(37 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$31,087

(15 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$491**

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 after the service today if you need assistance.

Annual Craft and Vender Show

The youth group will be hosting their annual craft and vendor show on Saturday, November 24, 2018. There are still some booths available to rent. All proceeds are going to benefit Family Promise Christmas Store. Please contact the office with any questions (tabi@wesleypark.org, 616-988-6738).

Fall Rummage Sale

It is that time of year again when the youth are asking for you to clean out your garages, closets, basements, etc. They will be hosting their semi-annual rummage sale. The sale will be on October 6th from 8am-2pm. You can drop your treasures to the church during regular office hours that week. Large items can be dropped off October 5 anytime after 5pm. If you need to arrange a pick up, please contact the office.

Chancel Choir

If you have been thinking about joining the Chancel Choir...there is still time. No experience needed. Please see Sara Kropp for more details.