



Wesley Park Weekly

December 9, 2018

| Date | Event | Birthdays | Anniversaries |
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| Monday, December 10 | | Ryan Osborn | |
| Tuesday, December 11 | Congregational Care, 2:30 PM SPRC, 5:45 PM | Mary Tremblay | |
| Wednesday, December 12 | Womens Prayer Group 10 AM Community Dinner, 5:30 PM Square Dance, 6:30 PM Youth Group, 6:30 PM Advent Study, 6:30 PM Faith Development, 7:45 PM | Jessica Folkert Mike Halstead Duane Rowilson | |
| Thursday, December 13 | Praise Team!, 5 PM Chancel Choir, 6:30 PM | | |
| Friday, December 14 | Freddi's Angels, 1 PM | | Jeff & Kristen Brink |
| Saturday, December 15 | | | |
| Sunday, December 16 | Foundations Service, 9:15 AM Youth Group, 9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:30 AM IMPACT, 11 AM Dinner Theater Practice, noon Christmas Cantata, 4 PM | | |

Pastor's Page

During the winter holiday of Chanukah ("dedication") children play dreidel (a spinning top). The letters on the dreidel, which determine play, stand for Nes Gadol Haya Sham: "a great miracle happened there." [Jewish Ceremonies and Holidays Knowledge Cards](#), by Ira Steingroot

Playing with the dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game played in Jewish homes all over the world, and rules may vary. Here's how to play the basic dreidel game:

1. Any number of people can take part.
2. Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15) such as pennies, nuts, chocolate chips, raisins, matchsticks, etc.
3. At the beginning of each round, every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot." In addition, every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player should put one in the pot.
4. Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel once. Depending on the side it lands on, you give or get game pieces from the pot. For those who don't read Hebrew, some dreidels also feature a transliteration of each letter. If yours doesn't, use the photo below as a cheat sheet:
 - a) Nun means "nisht" or "nothing." The player does nothing.
 - b) Gimel means "gantz" or "everything." The player gets everything in the pot.
 - c) Hey means "halb" or "half." The player gets half of the pot. (If there is an odd number of pieces in the pot, the player takes half of the total plus one).
 - d) Shin (outside of Israel) means "shtel" or "put in." Peh (in Israel) also means "put in." The player adds a game piece to the pot.
5. If you find that you have no game pieces left, you are either "out" or may ask a fellow player for a "loan."
6. When one person has won everything, that round of the game is over!

Hanukkah ends tomorrow evening at sundown. Take a moment to give God thanks for "a great miracle that happened there."

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The Prayers of Our Hearts

Ann Bellgraph - Prayers for my husband, Larry, as he drives from Georgia on Monday.

Lynda Edsall - Prayers for the Hunt family and their loss of Monica. Help them feel God's Presence.

Ken & Linda McKenney - Thank you for the message on the light of peace.

Julie Riemersma - A big thank you to all who came to the Christmas by Candlelight. You made the night so special. God bless you all.

Barb DeCan - My 3rd boss in 4 years quit a month ago. The fill in boss is at her limit and thinking of leaving too. Please pray that we make the right decisions for our teams future.

Lois Bowyer - Please pray for my son-in-law, Ken. He is having double heart surgery on the 10th.

Shirley Diederiks - Beautiful anthem choir. Pray for Don. He is having eye surgery on 12/11/18. Good to be here today. Thank you Dean for a lovely message.

Nancy Carpenter - Prayers for family issues and for those who struggle during the holiday's.

Mary Mingledorff - A big thank you to the UMW for a wonderful Christmas by Candlelight.

Val Rienks - Praise! The nurses asked Hailey to bring in Thomas' car seat so they can do the car seat test. It won't be long now until he comes home. He weighs a little more than 5 pounds. Please pray that Agewise can help me find a place quickly. We will be receiving a 30 day notice from Vista Springs as she can't pay the fees.

Dorie DeCommer - Please pray for Terry's mother-in-law.

Freddi Angus - Hunter went back to Germany yesterday. It was wonderful to just touch him. I am so blessed every day.

Edna Barritt - Pray for my nurse at Metron. She is going to school. She wants to have good grades.

Annette Jeltema - Prayers for my brother, Jim, who continues to struggle with health issues.

Myrtle Hartzog - Good sermon.

Judie Driesenga - Thank you Pastor Dean for shining the beautiful light with a great sermon.

Mobile Food Pantry

Diane Blauwikel had a heart for feeding the hungry, especially children. In her memory, Harry has donated the cost for the Mobile Pantry this December 6. Not only do we thank him for the generous gift, we want to remember Diane's spirit for giving to those less fortunate. We invite anyone who would like to share this spirit to join us on the 1st Thursday of the month as we make the distribution, beginning at 5pm. We are normally done by 7pm. Thanks Harry!

Musical Notes

Please join our music ministry and guest musicians as we sing and proclaim the love of God and Christ's birth at our Christmas Cantata. "Come Let Us Adore" will be performed on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a reception to follow. If you would like to sign up to help with the reception or bring snacks/finger foods there will be a sign up at the Information Desk. We hope to see you there!

Family Promise Host Week

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will be the week of January 6-12, 2019. Our guests will be moving in on Sunday, January 6th. It takes much prayers and many hands to make each Family Promise week successful and give our guests a loving, safe and welcoming place to stay. This being the beginning of the busy holiday season, 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 if you wish to sign up online. You can use the following link: <https://bit.ly/2SoiyJV>.

If you need any assistance, please contact Mary Ann Keyes or Kelly Olsen. We will be in the Welcome Center to help you between services each Sunday during December.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$25,497

(49 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$25,839

(3 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$754**