



Wesley Park Weekly

December 16, 2018

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, December 17	Council, 7 PM	Brook Brooks Lynda Edsall Kim Johnson Jeremiah Najar Jr Abby Reidel Elaine Urrutia	
Tuesday, December 18	Senior Saints, noon		
Wednesday, December 19	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	Bob Williams	
Thursday, December 20	Praise Team!, 5 PM Chancel Choir, 6:30 PM	Monica Fischer	Alarick & Deborah Parkey
Friday, December 21		Aimee Terry Vicky Van Dalsen	
Saturday, December 22			Bruce & Brenda Payne
Sunday, December 23	Foundations Service, 9:15 AM Youth Group, 9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:30 AM IMPACT, 11 AM	Amy Carpenter Aubrielle Valdez	

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Pastor's Page

Praising and singing are essential parts of the story of Christmas. The melodies and harmonies of the songs of this season have the power to take us back, lift us up, and give us hope for the future. Think about how it feels when we join our voices and sing,

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!

Or as we sing the sweet lullaby:

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

This afternoon at 4 pm our choirs, musicians, and guests will offer the gift of music. Come and allow the Peace Light from Bethlehem to bring you closer than ever to the place and moment of Christ's birth. Come into the holy, the sacred, the still. Come and adore Him!

You stepped down from heaven. Humbly, You came. God of all creation, here with us.
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, Light of the world, here to save.

Adore, come let us adore. O come, let us adore Him!
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Wise men bring their treasures. Shepherds bow low. Angel voices sing of peace on earth.
What have I to offer to heaven's king? I will bring my life, my love, my all.

Adore, come let us adore. O come, let us adore Him!
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Angels sing, praises ring to the newborn King.
Peace on earth here with us, joy awakening. At Your feet, we fall.

Adore, come let us adore. O come, let us adore Him!
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Adore.

And, let us gather again in the Light of Christ on Christmas Eve to sing and praise at 7 pm and 11 pm. Holy Communion will be served at 11 pm.

The Prayers of Our Hearts

Dolores Sanford - Our church is so blessed with the light from Bethlehem. Thank you Max.

Freddi Angus - Letting Jesus know that I love Him and want to be the person He wants me to be. Sara, you are a wonderful singer. Thank you.

Chuck Johnson - Prayers for my friend, Terry, in Imlay City.

Val Rienks - Praise! Thomas came on Wednesday. Agewise thought they found a place but it was still too expensive so they recommended Villa Maria. They have apartments that are income based. I got the application and sent it in. I don't know how long the waiting list is.

Mary Ann Keyes - What an inspiring service. Thank you. Thank you for the light of Bethlehem.

Pat Johnson - I would like to thank Freddi's Angels for continually keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers this past year. It has meant so much to all of us!

Brad & Janel Folkert - Praise! Our daughter, Jessica, turns 21 on Wednesday. Happy Birthday.

Nancy Carpenter - Sara, your Hebrew song was so beautiful. You are such a blessing to us all. Thank you for sharing your talent and your heart with us. How precious and wonderful to have the peace light from Bethlehem. Shalom!

Marilyn Knapp - Thank you for praying! The Lord worked in wondrous ways as we served at "Crossroads" in Hong Kong. We prepared gifts to go by ship to dear ones in needy countries.

Diane Carpenter - Glad Marilyn's back with us!

Esther Fernandez - I love the light it gives me. It is the peace and comfort I need. Thank you dear Father for sending your son to die for our sins and to save us from them. Happy birthday Jesus. We love you. Thank you Sara and David for the beautiful song. Thank you Max.

Ross & Erin Vanderlaan - Prayers for peace for those in our life.

Youth Lock-in

The youth will be going to the Griffin's game on New Years Eve followed by a lock-in here at the church. Please get with Eric by December 20th with how many tickets you need for the game.

Senior Saints

Senior Saints will be meeting this Tuesday for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at noon. After lunch Liz Montcastle will be providing a music program in the Sanctuary titled "The Story of Christmas in Song". Mark your communication cards with "Senior Saints" if you plan on attending.

Everyone is welcome to come listen to Liz play even if you are unable to attend the lunch.

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.

Christmas Cantata

Please join us for the Christmas Cantata titled "Come Let Us Adore" today at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception immediately following in the Family Life Center.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$26,251

(50 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$25,085

(2 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$754**