

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, December 24	Worship Service, 7 PM Worship Service, 11 PM	Zoe Christensen Treva Freeman	
Tuesday, December 25	Office Closed, Merry Christmas	Zach Kinnery	
Wednesday, December 26	Office Closed, Merry Christmas	Pamela Hoag	
Thursday, December 27	Praise Team!, 5 PM	Deb Workman	
Friday, December 28		Shirley Diederiks	
Saturday, December 29		Nolan Warner Mary Workman	
Sunday, December 30	Foundations Service, 9:15 AM Youth Group, 9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:30 AM IMPACT, 11 AM	Paula Hartley Jon Rice	

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$30,314**

**(50 Weeks Completed)**

Offered last week: **\$4,063**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$21,022**

**(2 Weeks Remaining)**

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# Wesley Park Weekly

December 23, 2018

## Pastor's Page

Today is the day before day before Christmas Day,  
A day to get ready for what God has to say  
To a world that is fighting, selfish, and proud  
and pushy and tired and boorish and loud.  
But God also speaks to the humble and poor  
To the ones who are waiting for the knock on the door  
To find there a savior so gentle and kind  
Who loves everybody with heart, soul, and mind.  
Who brings food and water to feed and to quench  
And visits the one sitting alone on the bench.  
Who puts gloves on the hands and a hat in the mail  
And visits the people in prison and jail.  
This one who will come will be bringing the light  
To shine in the darkness and release us from fright.  
The light is so bright so the whole world can see  
That love is the gift that will help us live free.  
There's no need to worry. There's no need to fear.  
The day after tomorrow is getting quite near.  
Breathe deeply, love boldly, count slowly to ten.  
For Christmas is coming! Hallelujah! Amen.

*Ras Deane Martin*

## The Prayers of Our Hearts

**Jane Johnson** - Dawn Moss was admitted to Metro Sunday morning with continuing health issues. Frank asks for prayers of healing. He will be having surgery Jan 8th to have a defibrillator put in. Please keep this couple (and their medical team) in your prayers. Please also hold my daughters friend, Christine, in prayer. Christine was just diagnosed with breast cancer. It is also in her lymph nodes. She is a wife and mother of 3. Keep her medical team in your prayers.

**Val Rienks** - Application to Villa Maria was received and my mother-in-law is on the waiting list. Now I need to find temporary housing until her name comes up.

**Hughes Family** - Please pray for our dear friend, TJ, who is nearing the end of her pregnancy. Pray for an easier delivery with her second baby and a healthy son. Merry Christmas church family!

**Nancy Harrington** - Beautiful service Pastor Dean and great music.

**Pat & Keith Warren** - Stress relief for Zack.

**Annette Jeltema** - I am so thankful that my brother, Jim, is now completely healed and living in eternity with our Heavenly Father.

**Elizabeth Crankson** - It is my 10th birthday. I thank the Lord for many blessings.

**Michael Crankson** - Prayers for Diane Crankson.

**Barb Schondelmayer** - Pastor Dean, the service was very spiritual. Prayers for my granddaughter who is having health problems.

**Shirley Diederiks** - Thank you for all the prayers for Don. He had laser surgery and it went well. Thank you again for your prayers. Choir was lovely. God is good all the time.

**Judy Wilson** - Prayers for the right decisions concerning surgery.

**Esther Fernandez** - Please pray for all the people that have had family and friends pass away at this beautiful time of year. Christ loves you all. Thank you for all your prayers and cards for my Anna. She is doing well. God is so good. Pastor Dean, thank you for your prayers. You are a blessing to us.

**Kathy DenHollander** - Prayers for two friends; Greg, now in Hospice, and Pam, her best friend died and there are recent health issues with her brother and daughter.

**Pam Bravata** - Please pray for my mom, Pauline, and for her health and happiness. Thank you.  
**Freddi Angus** - Please remember in your prayers Sallie, Dorie and Edna. It is very hard to get a bus this time of year.

## Food Pantry Thank You

In 2018, we served 1515 families and the retirement community off 36th St with a total of 85,000 pounds of food. I would just like to thank the volunteers, donors, and Family Network for making this happen. Thanks! Wendy Harr

## 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/2S0iyJV>.

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.

## Youth Dinner Theater

The youth have begun practicing for their 5th annual dinner theater performance which will be held on March 23, 2019. They stay after church every Sunday until 3 pm. We are in need of some folks to provide lunches for the kids. The dates that are still available are Jan 27; February 10, 17 and 24; March 10. Please contact Bill Schick (616-261-0428) if you would like to volunteer.

## Directories

New directories are available at the Information Desk. Stop by and grab one if you are in need of an updated list.