



Wesley Park Weekly

December 30, 2018

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, December 31	Griffins Game, 4:30 PM Youth Lock-in, 9 PM	Joanne Gustafson	
Tuesday, January 1	Office Closed, Happy New Year		Larry & Ann Bellgraph
Wednesday, January 2	Women's Prayer Group, 10 AM Square Dance, 6:30 PM Scottish Society, 7 PM		
Thursday, January 3	Knitting Group, 10 AM Food Truck, 5 PM Praise Team!, 5 PM Chancel Choir, 6:30 PM	Anna Rabine	
Friday, January 4		Abrie Chambers	
Saturday, January 5	Puerto Rican Epiphany Event, 11 AM	Tabi Fischer	
Sunday, January 6	Foundations Service, 9:15 AM Youth Group, 9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:30 AM IMPACT, 11 AM Dinner Theater Practice, noon	Jim Gustafson	

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$31,606

(51 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$19,730

(1 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$1,292**

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Pastor's Page

As we come to the end of the year 2018, let us pause to give God thanks and to reflect upon the grace we have received these last 12 months.

- **January:** We celebrated the Baptisms of Gabe Crow and Zander Valdez
- **February:** We celebrated the membership of Tina Agruda, Linda Conklin, Terry Essex (Baptism), Pat Essex, and Ross Vanderlaan
- **March:** We celebrated new customized signs throughout the church
- **April:** We celebrated the beginning of the new IMPACT Worship and Service
- **May:** We celebrated a new sanctuary piano and Sara Kropp as our new Treasurer
- **June:** We celebrated the Baptism of Luke Jahncke, and the addition of a new Welcome Center awning
- **July:** We celebrated 29 youth and leaders sent on a Mission Trip to South Dakota
- **August:** We celebrated another opportunity to gather at Lakeview United Methodist Camp for the Wesley Park UMC Family Camp
- **September:** We celebrated the membership of Pat Johnson, Mae Baker (Baptism), Anita Vogel, Kelly Wasnich, Dawn Moss, Frank Moss, Edna Barritt, and Leo DeVries
- **October:** We celebrated the membership of Arvilla DeVries and Treva Freeman
- **November:** We celebrated the 15 persons connected to Wesley Park who had died since last All Saints Day, including three members and one charter member
- **December:** We celebrated the Peace Light

May we continue to find opportunities to celebrate and grow in Spirit in 2019!

Randee R. Hill

The Prayers of Our Hearts

Barb DeCan - Blessed is our church with so many volunteers to work to show the Light of Peace to all tonight. Please pray for my aunt Hattie; cousins, Dianne and Chris; and their families. My uncle Don died unexpectedly Wednesday.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Our service was wonderful today. So much love. Thank you.

Julie Riemersma - Thank you Lord for all blessings. Thank you Lord for coming to save our lives.

Pat Beadle - Thank you choir and musicians for all the wonderful music this special season.

Freddi Angus - Let us all be a reflection of the love of Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas all year.

Val Rienks - I need a miracle. I need to move my mother-in-law on Saturday to temporary housing until her name comes up on the Villa Maria waiting list.

Craig Cox - Need prayers and forgiveness. Let my hatred end here.

Chuck Johnson - Prayers for brother, Bubba, who has cancer.

Marilyn Knapp - Please ask our Lord for grace and peace for Joni Eareckson Tada in the midst of her cancer fight.

Nancy Carpenter - Praises for my beautiful daughter, Amy, who is celebrating her birthday today.

Susan Kaminski - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my wonderful church family.

Cindy Keller - Beautiful singing and Christmas story read by Pastor Dean. My heart was happy!

Esther Fernandez - Please pray for Alfredo's uncle Cosme. He is not feeling well. His diabetes is getting worse. Thank you. Continue praying for Anna. Her spirit is strong. Bless her heart. Thank you Lord. Thank you David, Adrianne and Sara for the beautiful music.

Aimee Terry - Prayers of healing for Anna Chambers. Prayers for Chad and the kids as they adjust to the new and the ongoing treatments of their beloved wife and mother.

Holy Conversations

Wednesday night dinners and adult classes will start up again on January 16th at 5:30 pm. There will be a class for younger kids and childcare for infants and toddlers. You can register for the class online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/RvDg36Zx6QUgmqzK2> or at the Information Desk. Contact the office with any questions.

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.

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.