

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, January 4	Trustees, 6:30 pm	Aubrie Chambers Dan Scribner Marie Workman	
Tuesday, January 5	Praise Team, 7 pm	Tabi Fischer	
Wednesday, January 6	Prayer Group, 10 am Fellowship Meal, 5 pm Disciple Class, 6:15 pm	Jim Gustafson	
Thursday, January 7	LaRee Ellens Knitting, 10 Food Truck, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	Madeline Brink Jeff Osborn Savannah Harvey	
Friday, January 8	Freddi's Angels, 6:30 pm		
Saturday, January 9		Freddi Angus Jillian Fischer	
Sunday, January 10	Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am Worship, 11 am		Doug & Cindy Lang

## Dates to Remember

- ★ Florentine's Dinner: **January 25**
  - ★ Purchase your ticket (\$10 adult, \$4 child) after worship today just outside the sanctuary or at the door. Remember to add on your tip for good service.
- ★ Vital Church Initiative Home Team Update: **Today, January 3, 10 am. All Invited!**
  - ★ Plan to come to the FLC in between the 9 and 11 am services to learn more about Vital Church Initiative from the Wesley Park UMC VCI Road Team!

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Our Vision: By 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.



# Wesley Park Weekly

January 3, 2016

## The Beginning of the Year

Dear friends, as we begin the year 2016 we have a lot to look forward to. There will be struggle, and there will be reason to rejoice. Let us trust in God every step of the way. Let us remember Jeremiah 29:11: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

- \* In 2016, United Methodist Women begins January 26 from 7 - 9 pm. Mark your calendar for the remaining UMW meetings: February 23, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22, and December 27.
- \* In 2016, I will be taking an extended continuing education leave in February. I will be going to the "Fusion: The Future of Worship in The United Methodist Church" Conference in North Carolina, and will be attending worship services, reading, and doing research focusing on worship each week in February. I will be bringing all of this insight back to Wesley Park to explore in the year to come.
- \* In 2016, Ash Wednesday is February 10, Maundy Thursday is March 24, Good Friday is March 25, and Easter is March 27.
- \* In 2016, we host Family Promise April 24-30, September 4-10, and December 4-10.
- \* In 2016, General Conference is May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon. Annual Conference is June 10-13 at MSU in East Lansing. Jurisdictional Conference is July 13-16 in Peoria, Illinois.
- \* In 2016, the Youth Mission Trip is July 16-23 to Marvell, Arkansas.
- \* In 2016, the Food Truck comes to Wesley Park on January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1.

*Roxanne R. Patton*

# Prayers

- **Ron & Delores Sanford** - Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas Eve service.
- **Toni Pullen** - Great service!!
- **Doug & Cindy Lang** - Dakota Acosta's grandfather Acosta was sent home from the hospital to be in Hospice. Please pray for Dakota and the family as they go through this difficult time. Thank you, Ava, for being acolyte in Dakota's place. My young niece, Jennifer, lost her second husband due to illness. Please pray for her and her family. I was just at her second wedding a few years ago.
- **Barb DeCan** - Thank you Ben, Adrienne, and Phil for your special gifts of music. Our congregation is so blessed to have such wonderful music. Also, thanks to Liz, Judy and our choir.
- **Barb Schondelmayer** - The special music was beautiful.
- **Esther & Alfredo Fernandez** - Ben, great job. I love Silent Night. God bless you and your family. Hope all of you had a blessed Christmas. Happy New Year to my church family. Jesus is with us always. Alex, great job. Adrienne - beautiful, beautiful. Phil, thank you for singing that beautiful song.
- **Julie Riemersma** - While doing laundry for Family Promise at laundry mat, I met a lady who gets food from food truck. She said thank you, this helps her a lot and she is glad we are here. I invited her to church and she said maybe she would come.
- **Chuck & Sally Dear** - Thank you Ben for his playing Silent Night and Alex for the great job being the liturgist. Our youth are so special. Also, thank you, Adrienne, for the lovely song.
- **Adrienne Prentiss** - Prayers of Thanksgiving for Will's friend J'vius and his family for coming to worship today. Continue to pray for Will's educators and for us as we seek what is best for Will.
- **Delores Mull** - I want to thank the wonderful lady that gave me a ham for Christmas. God bless her and her family.
- **Kathy Denhollander** - Blessings that my sister, Rosemary, will be ok. She has a large kidney stone that needs to be removed. No surgery until infection heals. At the time she entered the hospital, her heart was not normal.
- **John & Kathy Challa** - Music was beautiful! Thank you so much!
- **Carolyn DuBuis** - I want to thank everyone for all your kindness and expressions of sympathy the last few weeks. I could feel your prayers and appreciate every one. God bless you all!
- **Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen** - May the peace and joy of Christmas be with each of us throughout the coming year so that we reflect the Light of the world to all.
- **David Waugh & Tena Podein** - Thank you Lord for your most precious gift, Jesus. Thank you for our Church ministry and all my Wesley Park family. Ted and Jennifer continue to be embraced with love from all of you.
- **Continued Prayers:** Prayers for Hannah Steenhagen, Ben Peterson, Warren Slesman, Bill VanDalsen, Jack Boyer, Karin Drost, Jan Kutschinski, Rev. Myron Williams, Bev Slesman, Mary Tremblay

## Adult Faith Formation

January through March @10am Sundays we will be discussing a book called Tattoos on the Heart. I read it this summer and have not been able to stop talking and thinking about it since. This book showcases a brilliant vision of the kingdom of God made tangible for all.

Here's Publishers Weekly review: In this artful, disquieting, yet surprisingly jubilant memoir, Jesuit priest Boyle recounts his two decades of working with gang members in Los Angeles County. Boyle's Homeboy Industries is the largest gang intervention program in the country, offering job training, tattoo removal, and employment to members of enemy gangs.

Books are \$9. If you would like a copy ordered for you please let Anna Spencer know.

## Ministry Shares

Let us give God praise for helping us to reach our Ministry Share goal for 2015! Thank you to each one who gave a little bit extra, and every person who prayed that we might find a way. Thanks to the anonymous donor who decided to donate up to \$101 matching gift, and for all who met that matching challenge each week.

\$51,533 will be our share of offering Christ to the world through the United Methodist Connection for 2016. Starting today, if 200 people contribute toward our Ministry Shares for the next 52 weeks, that would amount to \$4.95 per person per week. Can you contribute toward your share?

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$0**

**(0 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$51,533**

**(52 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week:

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