



Wesley Park Weekly

January 22, 2017

Prescriptions for Wholeness

Today is a great day in the life of Wesley Park United Methodist Church! God is at work through the Vital Church Initiative. We are blessed to have this opportunity to have a clearer picture of our strengths and our growth areas, and to consider a plan to help us grow even stronger. Let us give thanks for the hard work of the Conference VCI Team, who have spent a significant amount of time studying our congregation and community and writing the report we receive this morning. Today we are the beneficiaries of the fruit of their labor and the wisdom of their experience and insight. Thanks be to God!

In the days to come, prayerfully read through the Consultation Report. Look for the places you see God at work, guiding us to live out our mission and boldly grow in our faith. Next Sunday, after we welcome in new members, we will share in a potluck. 3x5 cards will be at each table, giving you the opportunity to write questions or reflections. These will be shared at each of the three Town Hall Meetings, on Wednesday, February 8 at 7 pm, Wednesday, February 15 at 5 pm, and Sunday, February 19 at 2 pm. The Town Hall Meetings are our opportunity to discuss and understand the prescriptions. Please make every effort to attend at least one Town Hall meeting. There will not be a time of discussion on the day of our Charge Conference vote.

February 26 will be our Charge Conference vote, following our 10 am worship service. The Book of Discipline is clear on the guidelines for a Charge Conference. Only members who are present can vote. I know this is troublesome to those who are away from home or unable to attend. However, we must follow these Disciplinary rules when voting on these next steps for the church. Thank you for your prayers, your understanding, and your participation in these exciting days at Wesley Park.

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Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, January 23	Staff Meeting, 1:00 pm Florentine's Dinner Lay Leadership, 7:15 pm		
Tuesday, January 24	UMW, 6:30 pm		
Wednesday, January 25	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth, 6 pm	Brian Hartley	
Thursday, January 26	Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Ken Oesch	
Friday, January 27		Alex Fischer	Chuck & Sally Dear
Saturday, January 28		Jayden Bodziak	
Sunday, January 29	Worship, 10 am Potluck, 11 am Youth Play Practice, noon		
Ministering Today - 10 am			
Greeters	Ron & Dolores Sanford, Lynda Edsall, Pat Warren		
Acolyte	Marlow Jeltema		
Ushers	Bob Williams, Chuck & Sally Dear, Jim Gustafson		
Musician	Adrienne Prentiss		
Sound Tech	Dan Scribner		
Nursery	Loretta Jahncke		
Child Advocate	Skyler Maitner		

Prayers

Linda Carter - I had a phone call from Elaine Weaver. She says she is doing good. She says hello. Please pray for a procedure I am having on Thursday. I hope it goes ok.

Linda McKenney - Prayers for my brother-in-law, Doyle. He is healing from a knee replacement surgery. Prayers also for my sister-in-law, Margy. She is healing from heart surgery.

Gordon & Nancy Spalenka - Pray for our country and new president. Please give him wisdom and good judgement.

Linda Hagan - Please pray for my sister. Thank you.

Sallie McLean - Visitors welcome! Pray for Metron of Forest Hills aides, nurses, and residents.

Freddie Angus - So nice to have Dorie and Sallie back. Keep them in your prayers and pay them a visit.

Al Pittenger - Pray fervently for our church as we witness and participate in the VCI activities this next weekend. May we listen intently with open hearts to God's calling.

Esther Fernandez - My brother, Robert, turned 73 today. Bless his heart. He has cancer. He is a fighter. Dear Lord keep him safe. Thank you Wesley Park family for so much. Thank you Mary and Linda. You are precious to me.

Jackie Matson - Pastor Dean, thank you for a great sermon!

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Our service was great today. Thank you Pastor Dean.

Mike & Jill Beck - Nice job on the piano today Adrienne!

Lynda Edsall - Prayers for Jan Edsall and Jim Sala. Both have been very sick and both took nasty falls. Prayers for healing and recovery.

Cami Valdez - My very best friend from childhood leaves for basic training at the end of this month. Prayers for strength and safety.

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.

The church office is closed whenever Wyoming Public Schools close due to weather. If there is a cancellation or closing of a church worship service or event, look for word on our Care Connection or on WOOD-TV.

Vital Church Initiative Dates

- * January 22: 11 am, Reading of the VCI Report by Lead Consultant
- * January 29: 10 am, 5th Sunday Worship followed by Potluck
- * February 8: 7 pm, All-Church Town Hall Meeting
 - * (Time to explore the prescriptions and ask questions.)
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- * February 26: 10 am, Worship
- * February 26: 11 am, Church Conference Vote on Prescriptions

Childcare Help

Are you in need of childcare for any of the town hall gatherings (Feb 8 or 15th)? Please contact Anna Spencer aspencer@wesleypark.org so that we can plan accordingly.

United Methodist Women

All women are invited to attend the United Methodist Women meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24. We will meet in the Welcome Center. The book, Behind the Kitchen Door will be discussed.

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