

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, January 25	Florentine's Dinner Lay Leadership, 7:00 pm	Brian Hartley	
Tuesday, January 26	UMW, 7 pm Praise Team, 7 pm	Ken Oesch	
Wednesday, January 27	Prayer Group, 10 am Fellowship Meal, 5 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Disciple Class, 6:15 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Alex Fischer	Chuck & Sally Dear
Thursday, January 28	Baton Class, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	Jayden Bodziak	
Friday, January 29			
Saturday, January 30		Ciara Tanis	
Sunday, January 31	Worship, 10 am Potluck, 11:30 am	Kara Eerdmans	

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.
- ☆ One Worship Service at 10 am followed by Potluck: **January 31 (Fifth Sunday)**

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 24, 2016

United Methodist Women Begins January 26

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a faith-based membership organization of laywomen within The United Methodist Church. UMW members are committed to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ in community with other women and advocating on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. United Methodist Women has been in mission for more than 140 years.

(www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Wesley Park UMC begins again after many years a UMW Chapter. The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, January 26, beginning at 7 pm. The meeting will be in the Cornerstone Room if space allows (the last room on the left down the long Little Lambs hallway). Childcare will be provided. Contact Julie Riemersma if you have questions at 616-656-0155.

January 31 - 10 am Worship and Potluck

January 31 is the fifth Sunday of the month. Whenever there is a fifth Sunday, plan to meet at 10 am so that we can all worship together! On January 31, the children will be singing, we will celebrate baptisms and new memberships, we will celebrate Holy Communion, and we will praise God from whom all blessings flow!

In celebration of Membership Sunday, please bring a dish to pass, your own place-settings, and plan to stay for a potluck following worship. Coffee and punch will be provided.

POVERTY THROUGH A CLEARER LENS

Saturday, February 13, 2016, 9-3 pm

hosted by *Circles GR: an initiative of GR Metro Ministry*
Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE



Who lives in poverty in Grand Rapids?
What's it like to walk in those shoes?
How can we be part of a real solution?

In less than a day, you can raise
your Poverty IQ - and with it, your hope for a better future,
and your ability to help build it.

9-noon **Poverty Simulation experience**, led by *Access of West Michigan*
noon **Lunch** catered by *Wealthy St Bakery*
12:45-3 **Hidden rules of class; resources and assets outside the wallet; building cross-class relationships; the Circles solution**, presented by *Kendra Utter, ICCF Americorps member; Lisa Cruden, Director of Family Services at Family Promise GR; Julie Liske, Chapter Director of Circles GR*

Cost (payable at the door):
\$35 full day, including lunch (required for Circle Allies)
\$25 Poverty Simulation only

To reserve for yourself or your group,
contact Julie at jliske@grmetroministry.org or 719-4510
no later than Monday, February 8th

Fair Trade Coffee

Fair Trade Coffee is available in the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center, in the Family Life Center, and in the downstairs Fellowship Hall each Sunday.

Giving Statements

Year-end Giving Statements have been prepared and are ready for you to pick up in the Welcome Center today. Thank you for your stewardship!

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.

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

Florentine's Dinner Monday, January 25

Buy your tickets today for all-you-can-eat Spaghetti, salad, and bread sticks (\$10 adults, \$4 children, not including drink or tip). Tickets will be sold after each worship service. This all-church fund raiser is the fourth Monday of each month.

Visitation Team

If you would be interested in helping to coordinate visitations to those who need connection, please contact Janice Thompson at 616-581-5738.

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www.wesleypark.org (new website)

Prayers

- **Ron & Delores** - Prayers for Rhonda's recovery. It will be a long recovery.
- **John & Kathy Challa** - Thank you Gary, what a pretty song. Adrienne, so many talents! God bless you.
- **Anonymous** - Pray for my former roommate and good friend. He took on a new chapter in his life by moving short term to Honduras. Prayers that his new restaurant business is successful and he is surrounded by good Christians.
- **Gary Hodges** - Pray for Deb's health concerns.
- **Sara Kropp** - Thank you Adrienne, Phil, and Avery for sharing your gifts with us today!
- **Esther Fernandez** - Awesome job as always Avery. You are so cute. God bless you and your family. Thank you Pastor Dean for the hug. Please pray for my bother, Robert. He is having difficulties.
- **Peggy Sonke** - Avery, you are truly an inspiration and a beautiful reflection of God. Thank you for sharing your wonderful gifts with your church family.
- **Marilyn Knapp** - Many volunteers are in Greece working with Greater Europe Mission to help the deluge of refugees. They write, "We see chaos everywhere. They're asking questions, looking for hope. We have the Answer, Jesus! We need His strength and wisdom."
- **Al & Peg Pittenger** - Great job Avery!! You are a blessing to our church!!
- **Hughes Family** - God bless our travels and Andrew's family as we go to a family reunion next week. Andrew's brother, Kevin, is getting married soon to Diana. May God bless their marriage!
- **Sallie McLean** - Bus driver needed. Prayers for her, Denise.
- **Kathy DenHollander** - Rosemary has surgery on Monday to remove the kidney stone. "Breaking it up" did not work. Prayers that all goes well. My trip to Portland (and Seattle) was wonderful. Iris and I had great fun. Within 24 hours of my returning home, my phone would not work, I broke a tooth, and I was sick for two days. Prayers that the "cloud" has moved on.
- **Pat & Keith Warren** - Thank you Adrienne for playing for us.
- **Tom Workman** - Continued prayers for Deb.
- **Chuck & Sally Dear** - That was a lot to read, Avery, but you did such a great job. Thank you.
- **Ken & Linda McKenney** - Good job choir and Avery for reading Dr. Martin Luther King's speech of "I Have a Dream". Love sermons on spiritual gifts, what is unique and how to serve.
- **Anonymous** - Prayers for all who are struggling with something that seems hopeless. Remember friends and family will be there for you always and if God brings you to it, He will get you through it.
- **Nancy Chambers** - Peace and strength for Kathy Challa as she begins chemo.
- **Lois Bowyer** - Prayers for my daughter, Pam. She is having a hard time with Shingles.
- **Erica Jones** - Prayers for a little 2 yr old, Noah, in Tennessee who has been lost in woods for 3 days.
- **Doug & Cindy Lang** - Prayers for my sister, Crystal, as she continues to live with my parents and helps care for them. Prayers for my parents as they continue to decline in health.
- **Heinz Herzog** - Lee Smith, a long time friend is having lung surgery to remove a cancerous tumor. Prayers for healing and comfort.
- **Annette Jeltema** - Prayers for co-worker, Annette Thompson, recently diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- **Nancy Carpenter** - Praise God! Lila Grace celebrated her 6 month birthday. She was taken off the vent and is doing well. Also, she is responding to stimuli which was not expected with her brain damage.
- **Steve Bravata** - Dr. King had a dream, God has a hope.
- **Julie Riemersma** - All ladies are welcome to come to the UMW meeting. Hope to see you there. Pray we all can learn about missions.
- **Sylvia Torrez** - Please continue to pray for my brother, that he gets the help he needs. For me and my health issues. Pray for all my family that they all be bless with good health, love and good relationships with each other. My daughter and her relationship. My daughter, Alanna, that her pregnancy goes well and she has a healthy daughter. Continue to pray for me. Continue to pray for my cousins, Marisol & Arthur Valdez, that they get thru their bumpy road. Not only do I love them as cousins, but like brother and sister as well. Amen.
- **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, Rev. Gordon Spalenka