

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, January 30			
Tuesday, January 31			
Wednesday, February 1	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth, 6 pm		
Thursday, February 2	Knitting Group, 10:00 am Food Truck, 5:00 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm		
Friday, February 3		Steve Bravata Sr.	
Saturday, February 4	Game Night, 6:30 pm	David Waugh	
Sunday, February 5	Worship, 9:00 am Faith Formation, 10:10 am Worship, 11:00 am Youth Play Practice, noon		

## Game Night!

Come one, come all, to Game Night on Saturday, February 4th at 6:30 pm in the FLC. The church will provide popcorn, lemonade, and a few board/card games to share. Bring your favorite game night snack and games to share with our faith community. Invite your friends and neighbors! All are welcome!



# Wesley Park Weekly

January 29, 2017

## Prescriptions for Wholeness

I would like to share with you some of my observations and reflections from our Vital Church Initiative Consultation Weekend. The Consultation Report is available at the Welcome Desk. I am sure that you have additional things you noticed about this time spent together with members of our Area-wide Vital Church Initiative Team.

I love that we wanted to be ourselves, and represent who we are to the best of our abilities. I experienced people to be authentic, asking good questions, anticipating difficulties, seeking solutions, and finding good humor along the way. I gave the VCI team a tour of the building, showing them rooms I had never been in before! I loved how they took a moment in each room to just breathe, and pray, and imagine the ministry that is happening and what is possible throughout the church. When we went into the sanctuary, you could feel the VCI team praying in that space, trying to see what you see, and feel what a new guest might feel. I showed the VCI Team the Tuesday Guys tool room, and one member of the VCI team asked if she could take a picture of the organized space to share with her husband. I saw in your faces an understanding of the challenges that are before us, and a determination to do what we have to do to live out our mission. Your ideas are inspiring. You care, deeply.

I found myself dreaming dreams of all that Wesley Park UMC is becoming. I look forward to the work that we have ahead of us. The Town Hall meetings are for you to discuss together the prescriptions. My role at the Town Hall meetings is to observe and pray. Your role is to engage the process. Please come to at least one Town Hall meeting: February 8, 7 pm; February 15, 5 pm; February 19, 2 pm Thank you for this opportunity to grow and serve together.

*RaeDea Martin*

# Prayers

**Susan Kaminski** - Beautiful music! Thanks choir, Phil, and Adrienne. My soul was soaring.

**Myrtle Hartzog** - Great job choirs.

**Bill & Jennifer Schick** - Thank you to all who have volunteered to feed and spend time with our youth as they practice for their dinner theatre program. All the practice meals have been filled!

**Anonymous** - My friend, Hank, has throat cancer. He had surgery to remove it but has many chemo treatments ahead. Please pray for recovery.

**Mike & Jill Beck** - Can't wait to see where Wesley Park is heading! I'm excited.

**Esther Fernandez** - Please pray for my niece, Yaismara, her husband, Samuel, and two children, Michael and Raquelita. Pray for the world, our beautiful country, President, and Vice President. Thank you my church family for so much love. We need to stop ourselves from a hateful heart. Marlow, you did a great job!

**Julie Riemersma** - A coworker, Joe, is going through hard times and is giving up on life. Please help him Lord. My friend, Nicole, still needs prayers to help her go back to work this week.

**Freddi Angus** - Pray for Carolyn and myself as we travel to Arizona. We will be back on Sunday the 12th. We will have fun!

**Lynda Edsall** - Prayers for Wesley Park as we move forward with VCI. Help us to decide wisely. Beautiful music choir.

**Terry & Janice Thompson** - Please pray for our friend, Barb, who is in the hospital with low salt levels and other problems.

**Ken & Linda McKenney** - Prayers for our son, Scott.

**Jeff & Kristen Brink** - Pray for healing for Dennis Strong.

**Jim & Joanne Gustafson** - Thank you Gary for all you have done for us this weekend. Please continue to pray for us as we open our minds and our hearts to do what is right for us.

**Nancy Carpenter** - Prayers for our church, for our country, and for the world.

**Pat Beadle** - My brother-in-law, Bob, is in Hospice in Illinois. Please pray for him, my sister, Barb, and her family.

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Our service was wonderful. Thanks to the VCI team for all the work they have done.

## Vital Church Initiative Dates

- \* Today, during the Potluck, take a moment to write your questions, comments or reflections about the VCI Prescriptions on the 3x5 cards at each table. We will address these at the Town Hall Meetings.
- \* 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](mailto:aspencer@wesleypark.org) so that we can plan accordingly. We are still in need for one more helper in the Little Lambs Hallway for both evenings.

## Thank you

Thank you Wesley Park for your kind hearts, delicious food, and wonderful company! It is easy to see why Barb referred to Wesley Park UMC with an "A+". God bless you all! Tim, Teresa, and Zac Brechting

## Food Truck

The Food Truck will be at Wesley Park UMC Thursday, February 2. Come help anytime between 5 and 7 pm. Be a blessing and live out our mission.

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