

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, February 8	Finance, 7:00 pm	Jordan Oesch Kathleen Van Essen	Richard & Mary Jo Griffin
Tuesday, February 9	Praise Team, 7 pm		
Wednesday, February 10	Prayer Group, 10 am Ash Wednesday, Noon Youth Group, 6 pm Disciple Class, 6:15 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Richard Austin	
Thursday, February 11	Baton Class, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	Nathaniel Folkert	
Friday, February 12		Jeff Brink Charles Volkers	
Saturday, February 13	VCI, 9 am - 3 pm Poverty Simulation, 9 am - 3 pm		Hugh & Phyllis Prentiss
Sunday, February 14	Access Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am Access Worship, 11 am		Rick & Sheryl Jones

Dates to Remember

- ☆ Ash Wednesday at Noon: **February 10**
- ☆ Florentine's Dinner: **February 22**
- ☆ *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.*

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

February 7, 2016

Our Lenten Journey: Poverty and Hunger

Our Journey through Lent this year will focus on learning about and responding to poverty and hunger as we live out our mission to build a Christian community with all people.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, February 10**. Come for a half-hour worship service and receive the ashes as a sign of our confession and repentance.

Please register to attend **Poverty Through a Clearer Lens Saturday, February 13** from 9 am until 3 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. This time will ask the questions, "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?" From 9 am until noon, Access of West Michigan will lead a Poverty Simulation Workshop. From 12:45 until 3 pm you will learn the hidden rules of socioeconomic class, resources and assets outside the wallet, building cross-class relationships, when helping hurts, and the Circles solution. The cost is \$35 for the full day, or \$25 for the morning Poverty Simulation only. Registration is due no later than February 8.

February 14, Brenda Nichols from **Access of West Michigan** will be sharing the message at our 9 am and 11 am worship services. Brenda will be helping us understand the reality of poverty and hunger in our community.

February 21, Michelle Covington from **Kids Food Basket** will be sharing the message at our 9 am and 11 am worship services. Michelle will focus on hunger and poverty as it relates to children, and showing us ways we can all get involved with Kids Food Basket.

February 28, Bruce Roller from **UCOM** will be sharing the message at our 9 am and 11 am worship services. Bruce will help us understand hunger and poverty in our community, and the positive presence of Outreach Ministries like UCOM.

UMW Meeting Tuesday, February 23

The UMW will meet in the Cornerstone room at 6:30 pm. Rose Simmons, Director of Older Services and Community Relations at United Methodist Community House will be speaking. All women are invited to come and learn more about our local United Methodist ministry at Community House. Childcare will be provided.

Wesley Park Youth Give Back

The Wesley Park youth are hosting a fundraiser for Helen Devos Children's Hospital through Thirty-One. The youth group has had 2 youth members diagnosed with cancer in the last year and both have been treated and supported by the staff at HDCH. The kids want to fill care packages for cancer patients at the hospital. We will be filling Thirty-One Cinch Sac's with items picked out by Hannah and Ben and delivering them to the hospital. The congregation can either purchase a cinch sac (that will be given to a patient) or donate money towards purchasing a bag. If you have any questions or would like to donate; you can do so at the Youth table in Narthex.

Ministry Shares

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:
\$2148
(5 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:
\$49385
(47 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$263**

Youth Mission Trip Support

Ever thought about changing someone's life? You can!! The youth group is traveling to Marvell, Arkansas this coming July for a our annual mission trip. While there we will be engaging in exterior work on resident's homes, and running a VBS day camp for elementary aged children. The cost per youth is \$288.00. Would you consider changing a life and helping to pay for one youth to go on this amazing experience? Envelopes and giving amounts can be marked "Youth Mission Trip" and checks can be made out to "Wesley Park Youth." Thank you! The Wesley Park Youth - "Changing Hearts And Minds One Gathering At A Time"

VCI Home Team Meets Today at 10 am

Please plan to meet in the Family Life Center today to learn more about what the Road Team is learning with Vital Church Initiative. The focus today will be on Intentional Faith Development, presented by Deb Hodges.

Florentine's Dinner Monday, February 22

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

Blood Drive

Sign up today to give blood on March 20. See Bill Kerby for more information.

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.

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616-988-6738 wesleyparkumc@gmail.com
www.wesleypark.org (new website)

Prayers

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