

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, February 19	Young Adult Group, 7 pm	Duane Frick Lonnie Mosqueda	
Tuesday, February 20		Jill Beck David Coates Krystal Kinney	
Wednesday, February 21	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm	Susan Wright	
Thursday, February 22	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm	Megan Cvancara Amy Dunlap	
Friday, February 23	Youth Retreat, 6 pm	Leo DeVries	Jordan & Autumn VanderWoude
Saturday, February 24			
Sunday, February 25	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT Rehearsal, 11 am Dinner Theater Practice, noon	Linda Carter Evelyn Newton	

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet in the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Connie Swinger, former UMW Secretary of Program Resources, will be on hand to tell us how to become involved in the UMW Reading Program. All women are invited to attend. Childcare is provided.



### Pastor's Page

Lent is a season of preparation. During the six weeks of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday we take intentional time to pray, do good works, and sacrifice. We join Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days and nights, tempted from time to time to take the easier way. But if we can properly prepare our hearts and minds, we will experience a glorious Easter. If we take the Lenten journey seriously we will celebrate the day of resurrection with spirits that are ready to receive such a life-giving gift from God.

So let us take time to pray. Pray for your self, family and loved ones. Pray for the church and our neighborhood. Pray for the city, state, and country. Pray for leaders that have power, and people who are powerless. Pray for those who are hungry, homeless, or imprisoned. Pray for those who are refugees, immigrants, or who are being racially profiled. Pray for your friends, and for your enemies. Pray for peace. Pray for justice. Pray for love.

And, let us do good works. On Thursday, March 1, volunteer to help at the Food Truck. Show up between 5 and 7 pm and someone will put you to work that matches your ability. Or, on Saturday, March 3, come to the Dinner Theatre and help a youth go on a mission trip. You will be blessing countless lives. Think about someone who needs a phone call or a visit and brighten a day. Do good works this Lent, and be generous with your time and money.

And, Lent calls us to live sacrificially. Let us put our own preferences aside and focus less on what makes us feel good or comfortable and more on what we can do for others. During this Lenten season rehearsals will be underway for the new 11 am IMPACT Worship Service. The IMPACT Service is intended to be a welcoming space for all to worship, especially those who have not been a part of a positive faith community. The style, music, and content will focus on those who are not here yet, and will work to make a difference in the lives of others so that we might form deeper relationships with God and one another. Show up today at 11 am and help with an IMPACT Team. Reach out and invite people who are looking for a faith community to come April 1 for the Launch. Make a sacrifice on behalf of Christ. May you have a holy and blessed Lent!

*Ros Dea Martin*

## Lord...Hear Our Prayers

*Each week, everyone who attends worship at Wesley Park is welcome to share any joys or concerns they may carry in their heart. These are the requests we received from the February 11th communication cards...*

**Paula Hartley** - Continued prayers for Stephen. We thought the cornea transplant was successful, but it wasn't. He has to have the transplant for the 3rd time.

Another trip to Columbus, Ohio to take him to the appointment on Feb. 27th.

**Chuck Johnson** - Prayers for Jane Ellen. She is fighting a bad cold.

**Leo & Arvilla DeVries** - Pray for great grandson, Nolan. He is in the hospital again for a virus. He has had two heart surgeries and is only 4 months old.

**Freddie Angus** - Cross country skiing is so much fun. Thank you for the snow!

**Esther Fernandez** - Please pray for Robert and Lisa, my nephew and wife. They put their dog, Ben, down last week. I knew their dog and I am sad. When I go to Tampa, Ben won't be there. Pray for me and the world and this beautiful country.

**Ann Bellgraph** - Loved the video at the beginning of the service.

**Delores Mull** - Prayers for my son, Kevin. He fell at work and broke 2 ribs. Prayers for healing.

**Kathy DenHollander** - Continued prayers for Mike who had another surgery. He went home and then was readmitted with spinal meningitis. Yesterday he was responding well to the medication. Prayers for Karen whose cancer has not spread so treatments have been spread out.

**David Waugh & Tena Podein** - Prayers for our Jacob as the doctors try to regulate medication for Jacob's seizures from his Tuberous Sclerosis.

**Brian & Judy Hepp** - Thank you for your continuing prayers for Scott. He is slowly improving but will be in the hospital for several more days.

**Peg Pittenger** - Please pray for healing for our neighbor, Toby Koetje, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia, in Florida.

**Jim Gustafson** - Prayers for Joanne as she has a total knee replacement on Feb. 20th.

**Jason & Kim Johnson** - Thank you for all the prayers for my dad! He went home last Monday (2/5) from the hospital. He is making good progress everyday.

**Pat Beadle** - Please continue to pray for Jaxson, my 13yr old grandson, as he recovers from surgery to repair his badly fractured collarbone. Thank you.

**Chuck & Sally Dear** - Thank you Sara and Brian. Loved the song. Hope he comes and plays again.

**Ginny Hughes** - My son, Steve Hughes, is in need of a neck brace.

**Nancy Chambers** - Prayers for Betty Stoutjesdyk. She is in Metro Hospital.

**Ross & Erin Vanderlaan** - We are so blessed by our church family. Thank you Lord for our church family. I pray we are able to continue to grow to touch more people's lives.

**Dale & Judie Driesenga** - We would like to thank Pastor Dean for his visit and his prayers.

## Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, February 26 from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Florentines in Grandville. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$4/child (11 and under). Meal includes all-you-can-eat salad bar, spaghetti, bread, and drink (tip not included).

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Welcome Desk with cash, check, or debit/credit card. They can also be purchased at the door. The proceeds this month will go to the General Fund.

## Youth Dinner Theater 2018

The Wesley Park Youth invite you to attend our annual dinner theater performance. This year it will be held on Saturday, March 3rd with doors opening at 5 pm. It takes place at a fancy french restaurant by the name of Chez Monyeu. Please join us for a hilarious mystery of the missing Million Dollar Meatballs. You can make your reservations either at the Welcome Desk or by calling the office. Reservations will run through Sunday, February 25.

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