

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, February 20		Jill Beck David Coates Krystal Kinney Robert Timm	
Tuesday, February 21		Sue Wright	
Wednesday, February 22	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth, 6 pm Town Hall Meeting, 5 pm	Megan Cvancara Amy Dunlap	
Thursday, February 23	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish Class, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Leo DeVries	Jordan & Autumn Vander Woude
Friday, February 24	Youth Winter Retreat, 6 pm	Becca Sayen	
Saturday, February 25		Linda Carter Evelyn Newton	
Sunday, February 26	Worship, 10 am Charge Conference, 11 am Youth Play Practice, noon	Carol Eckert Marie Van Essen	

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.

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Wesley Park Weekly

February 19, 2017

Up and Down the Mountain

This afternoon at 2 pm is the final Town Hall gathering to discuss the Vital Church Initiative Consultation Report and Prescriptions. Next Sunday, February 26, we will gather for one worship service at 10 am. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Bill Haggard, will be our preacher for the day. Following worship, Rev. Haggard will lead our Church Conference. There will be only one item of business, whether or not to accept all of the Prescriptions in the Consultation Report. There will be no discussion, and the votes will be taken as written ballots. Only members of Wesley Park who are present can vote. The votes will be counted and reported back after about 15 minutes.

If the church votes yes, we will enter into Phase III of the Vital Church Initiative process. We will receive the help of a trained coach for 24 months who will guide us through the process and be prepared to meet with us and help us along the way. There will be no additional fees or charges for this continuing support. We will be held accountable to the dates and deadlines contained in the Prescriptions. And, we will be supported and encouraged to make this process of visioning and building relationship beyond the walls of the church part of our ongoing DNA as a congregation. The work that would begin February 27 would not end, but would lead to ongoing renewal and engagement of all of us doing the work of Christ and living out our Mission.

If the church votes no, our Vital Church Initiative process ends. We will still continue to implement what we feel is needed to grow into vitality. But we will not have any additional resources from the Conference such as coaching or workshops. We would need to articulate for the Bishop the reasons we chose not to follow the Prescriptions.

It's a meaningful time in the life of Wesley Park! May God bless us as we grow together.

Randee Martin

Prayers

Cami Valdez - My Grandpa who had been fighting cancer for a long time was called home late Friday night. I'm thankful he isn't suffering any longer. Prayers for my grandma and the rest of the family. Prayers for strength and heavy hearts. Thank you.

Nancy Carpenter - Our words have an impact on those who hear them. Lord, please help us to think and consider this before we speak.

Tjeerdsma Family - Prayers for my friend, Dan, and his family. His father was just moved into Hospice care.

Esther Fernandez - Thank you Sara for directing our choir. You are doing a great job. God is so good. We miss Phil, but he had to do what was right for him. Thank you Adrienne for playing the piano. You are awesome. Thank you Lord. You always give us all we need. Pray for my brother, Robert, who is going to Cuba on the 16th.

Val Rienks - My mother-in-law, Phyllis', landlord decided to sell the duplex she lives in. No changes for now. The care conference is March 2. Uncle Roger had pains in his side which turned out to be an issue with his kidney's. He is in Sparrow Hospital.

Barb Schondelmayer - Pastor Dean, your sermon was very inspiring.

Terry & Janice Thompson - Prayers for Terry's mom, Jeanne Thompson. Congratulations to my best friend, Gayle Poertner, on her retirement.

Dorie DeCommer - Pray that my daughter will be found by my son on Facebook.

Sallie McLean - Pray for Kenya at Metron. Pray for my back. I am having a lot of pain.

Freddi Angus - Thanks be to God for a wonderful trip to Arizona. I brought back many happy memories and a head cold.

Chuck Johnson - My step-mother, Theresa Johnson, had a massive stroke Saturday night. The doctor's have said they have done everything they can do. Now it's just a waiting game to see what will happen. They say she will not wake up.

Carol Eckert - Prayers for Monique Lyle as she undergoes surgery for breast cancer on February 20.

Keith & Pat Warren - Prayers for Keith's sister, Barb Pettit, for strength. Her husband has lower lobe dementia.

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

Ann Bellgraph - Prayers for my granddaughter, Amanda Barnes Nash, and family. Their beloved German shepherd, Crystal, passed away in her sleep last Wednesday. She left behind her sibling, Suki, and my great grandson, Kyle, age 3 1/2. They are so sad.

Pat Beadle - Prayers for Harry Blauwiel, who is having some medical issues involving severe inflammation of his left elbow resulting in weakness and pain.

Gordon & Nancy Spalenka - Pray for the refugees who are seeking a safe home.

Myrtle Parish - Prayers for my sister, Vonda. Her health is in poor condition. Prayers for a long time friend. She just lost her husband.

Vital Church Initiative Dates

* February 19: 2 pm, All-Church Town Hall Meeting

* (Time to explore the prescriptions and ask questions.)

* February 26: 10 am, Worship

* February 26: 11 am, Church Conference Vote on Prescriptions

Lost and Found

We have 3 containers of lost and found items on the shelves and hanging up by the elevator outside the office. Please stop by and see if any of the items belong to you. Anything left after February 26th will be donated.

Blood Drive

Be a hero to someone on Sunday, March 5th. Please consider donating blood. I promise it won't hurt. Remember, Christ said the life is in the blood. Stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up for a time slot or talk to Bill Kerby if you have any questions.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$3,921

(7 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$47,391

(46 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$451**

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