

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, February 22	Florentine's Dinner	Cheryl Rendak Barb Brechting Megan Cvancara Amy Dunlap	
Tuesday, February 23	UMW, 7 pm Praise Team, 7 pm	Leo De Vries	Jordan & Autumn Vander Woude
Wednesday, February 24	Prayer Group, 10 am Fellowship Meal, 5 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Disciple Class, 6:15 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Becca Sayen	
Thursday, February 25	Baton Class, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	Linda Carter Evelyn Newton	
Friday, February 26		Carol Eckert Marie Van Essen	
Saturday, February 27	Creating a Culture of Hospitality, 9 am - 2:30	Marcia Coates	
Sunday, February 28	UCOM Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am UCOM Worship, 11 am UCOM Benefit, 4 pm	Judy Hepp	

## Dates to Remember

☆ Florentine's Dinner: **February 22**

☆ *Purchase your ticket (\$10 adult, \$4 child) 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 21, 2016

## Our Lenten Journey: Poverty and Hunger

The first Sunday of each month, the youth of Wesley Park go to serve at Kids' Food Basket after worship. They make thousands of sandwiches for children in the community who need a healthy meal. Ask one of the youth what it feels like to do something to help alleviate childhood hunger.

Kids' Food Basket is a nonprofit organization attacking childhood hunger to help young people learn and live well. We began over a decade ago by serving 125 kids each school day through our Sack Supper program and now serve nearly 7,000 kids each weekday in West Michigan. Sack Suppers are evening meals that provide a well-rounded nutritious meal – nutrition that's critical to the development of kids' brains and bodies.

Please welcome Michelle Covington today, who has come from **Kids' Food Basket** to share the message in worship. (And wish her a Happy Birthday!) Hunger and Poverty have a devastating effect on the lives and development of children. You may be surprised to know the numbers of children in our area schools who live below the poverty line, or who suffer from poor nutrition. You may also be surprised to learn that there are ways you can help to make a difference in the lives of these vulnerable children. To find more information, go to [www.kidsfoodbasket.net](http://www.kidsfoodbasket.net).

*Randee Martin*

## 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.

## Upcoming Faith Formation Classes

All are welcome to join Adult Faith Formation as we continue our study of Tattoos on the Heart by Greg Boyle. Please don't feel like you have to read the chapters being discussed to join us.

### Feb

**21** - Chapter 6 Dedication to the service of a Community

**28** - Chapter 7 Gladness (Guest Teacher: Mary Mingledorff)

## Mike's 50's Diner

Mike, Gigi, Lyle, and Zoe invite you to the grand opening of their new restaurant, Mike's 50's Cafe, on March 12. Doors open at 5:30pm and festivities begin at 6pm. Come dressed in your best 1950's outfit. On the menu you will find some of your favorite 1950's dishes. Come see how our owners handle opening night with all the different family dynamics. Make your reservations now at the youth table.

## Blood Drive

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

## 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"

## Help!

If you know how to push buttons and flip switches, we need you! No prior experience needed. We will provide on the job training. We need some more helpers for the 9 am and 11 am service behind the sound board. Contact Tabi at 616-988-6738 or [tabi@wesleypark.org](mailto:tabi@wesleypark.org) for more information.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:wesleyparkumc@gmail.com)  
[www.wesleypark.org](http://www.wesleypark.org) (new website)

# Prayers

- **Linda Hagan** - Please pray for a friend of mine who had a heart attack yesterday. His second one. Thank you.
- **Nancy Spalenka** - Prayers for a friend of ours who has been diagnosed with cancer in his prostate.
- **Ava Kropp** - Prayers for you, the whole church, and everyone in the world. Prayers for the people in Africa, everyone in America, and everyone in Australia.
- **Keith & Pat Warren** - Natalie Christianson needs prayers for full recovery from lacerated liver.
- **Claire Crow** - We just wanted to say thank you welcoming us into the church with so much love. Our gift bags were amazing and Sutton's baby blanket was so beautiful and special. We are so happy to be a part of this wonderful community. Thanks again!
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- **Ken & Linda McKenney** - Prayers for safety and good health as we travel south.
- **Esther Fernandez** - Brenda, Thank you for sharing with us.
- **Lynda Edsall** - My son-in-law came thru surgery. Praise God!
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**(7 Weeks Completed)**

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**(45 Weeks Remaining)**

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