

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, February 26	Young Adult Group, 7 pm Council, 7 pm	Carol Eckert	
Tuesday, February 27	UMW, 6:30 pm	Marcia Coates	
Wednesday, February 28	Women's Prayer, 10 am Dinner Theater Practice, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm	Judy Hepp	
Thursday, March 1	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Dinner Theater Practice, 6 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm		Brad & Molly Jeltema
Friday, March 2	Freddi's Angels, 1 pm Dinner Theater Practice, 6 pm		Kurt & Ann Christensen
Saturday, March 3	Dinner Theater, 5 pm	Esther Blanco	
Sunday, March 4	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT Rehearsal, 11 am		

Welcome Desk Welcomes All

Stop by the Welcome Desk this morning in the Welcome Center.

- ❖ Get a **name badge**, even if this is your first Sunday!
- ❖ Donations for **West Elementary**.
- ❖ Make reservations for **Million Dollar Meatball**.
- ❖ Pay for **Florentine's** dinner tickets.



Pastor's Page

During this season of Lent, our focus is on temptation and finding strength and hope through our Baptism. If you are in need of support for any kind of addiction, there are many options. One to consider is called S.M.A.R.T., or Self-Management and Recovery Training.

The purpose of S.M.A.R.T. is to support individuals who have chosen to abstain, or are considering abstinence from any type of addictive behaviors (substances or activities), by teaching how to change self-defeating thinking, emotions, and actions; and to work towards long-term satisfactions and quality of life.

Their approach:

- ☀ Teaches self-empowerment and self-reliance.
- ☀ Encourages individuals to recover and live satisfying lives.
- ☀ Teaches tools and techniques for self-directed change.
- ☀ Meetings are educational and include open discussions.
- ☀ Advocates the appropriate use of prescribed medications and psychological treatments.
- ☀ Evolves as scientific knowledge of addiction recovery evolves.

Their four-point program offers tools and techniques for each of the program points:

- Point 1: Building and Maintaining Motivation
- Point 2: Coping with Urges
- Point 3: Managing Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviors
- Point 4: Living a Balanced Life

You can find more information about this program at www.smartrecovery.org or by contacting the local facilitator Don Nicewander (616-826-5910 danicewander@yahoo.com).

Rev. Debra A. H. H. H.

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 18th communication cards...

Harry Blauwikel - Pray for a successful hand surgery on Monday (2/19).

Val Rienks - God, plant me where you need me.

Leo & Arvilla DeVries - Pray for our family in Ohio. Our niece, Kathy, passed away this past week at the age of 62.

Diane Carpenter - For parents and children who had to cope with the mass shooting in Florida. In God's name we pray.

Maynard Culver - Changes are happening in our church. Please take time to read and think about what is said in Ephesians 3:20-21.

Julie Riemersma - My brother, Rodney, broke his ankle. Please pray for him.

David Waugh & Tena Podein - Continued prayers for Jacob.

Kathy DenHollander - Thank you Dean for the special Lent service. Also to everyone that made the variety show a success. Looking forward to next year! Mike is back home and continuing to improve.

Barb DeCan - Praise God! Initial tests came back for my friend, Tiffany. She got word that there is no bone cancer.

Esther Fernandez - Great job choir. It was beautiful. David, I loved the guitar playing. You are a blessing to us all. Thank you. Please pray for my Kristie's friend. Her baby granddaughter went to be with Jesus last week. She was 9 months old. My heart aches.

Freddi Angus - Choir, piano, and Dave on guitar was so touching. Thank you all. Youth and teachers and Pastor Dean - Wow! That was awesome. I love you guys.

Terry Thompson - Please pray for our daughter, Tara.

Kelly Wasnich - Prayers for guidance.

John Koops - Please pray for patience and guidance as I seek a new career path.

Kathy Challa - Prayers that I'll be fine on my three week trip. Prayers for John.

Dolores Sanford - Our service today was wonderful.

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.

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 today.

Kids Faith Formation Opportunities

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Who is invited? Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to participate in one or both faith formation opportunities. Adults and youth we would love to have your help serving with and alongside the kids! **Contact Anna Spencer to find out how you can get involved.** Also, the nursery will be open throughout the morning until the end of the IMPACT service.

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