

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, February 27	Staff Meeting, 1 pm Florentines, 4 pm	Marcia Coates	
Tuesday, February 28	UMW, 6:30 pm	Judy Hepp	
Wednesday, March 1	Women's Prayer, 10 am Ashes to Go, noon Youth, 6 pm Ash Wed Service, 7 pm		Brad & Molly Jeltema
Thursday, March 2	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish Class, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Tim Piccard	Kurt & Ann Christensen
Friday, March 3		Esther Blanco	
Saturday, March 4			
Sunday, March 5	Youth Play Practice, noon	Liz Montcastle	

## Wesley Park United Methodist Women

Wesley Park UMW is meeting this week Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center. They are working on supportive fellowship. They will be planning a mission project. Reminder: Don't forget your "behind the bathroom door" products. All women are welcome. Childcare is provided.



## Up and Down the Mountain

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, a day to reflect on the moment when Peter realized beyond a doubt that Jesus was the Messiah, the Savior, sent by God to save the world. It is a day that inspires a sense of awe. Jesus radiates the love of God, and he chooses to walk down the mountain to join us in this world. His shining Spirit is with us this very moment, in this very space.

Let us never lose sight of that light of Christ. May we always be humbled as we consider how much God the Creator loves the Creation, and sent Jesus to show us how to love one another. Our work together in the church is a constant effort to live out that love. We have been and always will be striving to share the light of Christ with the world. We want to do all we can to make sure the generations to come can feel the power of the love of God through Christ. That is why we are working so hard to be vital now and long into the future.

The United Methodist Hymnal (#259) offers this prayer for Transfiguration Sunday. May it be our guide today.

Holy God,  
upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah,  
who by his death and resurrection  
would fulfill both the law and the prophets.

By his transfiguration enlighten our path  
that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity  
and so share in the everlasting glory of him  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever. Amen.

*Randee Martin*

# Prayers

**Harry Blauwikel** - Thank you everyone for prayers of healing in my elbow and arm.

**Rick & Kellie O'Connor** - Zorah had a CT scan Friday. She has some hearing problems. Please pray for her as we get results this week. Prayers also for the youth group retreat coming up. Bless them with safety, fun, and a deeper relationship with the Lord.

**Kathy DenHollander** - A big thank you for the VCI team. You have done so much for us! Thank you also, Sara and Adrienne, for stepping in with their wonderful talents.

**Maddy Joy Brink** - Prayers for Kim Johnson. I hope that your arm will feel better and not hurt anymore.

**Brian & Judy Hepp** - Prayers for our son, Scott, and the United State of America.

**Mary Ann Keyes** - Please pray for Cindi as she leaves Thursday on a mission trip to Romania for 2 weeks.

**Judy Wilson** - Prayers for my grandson, Timmy. He needs some guidance in making some decisions.

**Esther Fernandez** - Dear church family, please pray for my niece, Becky (in Tampa). She has breast cancer and starting treatments. Pray for safe travels for Anna and the kids. They are on vacation in Key Largo with Chad's family. They will be coming home on Saturday. Pastor Dean, thank you for all you do (Adrienne too). Thank you Sara.

**Terry & Janice Thompson** - Continued prayers for Terry's mom, Jeanne. Also please pray for my cousin's 18 year old son who needs a heart transplant.

**Val Rienks** - Uncle Roger is doing well at home.

**Mary Tremblay** - Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes for my last procedure. Thank the Lord, as of now my body is free of cancer.

**Dolores Sanford** - I believe that God will guide our church members. Bless our church.

**Pat Johnson** - God bless all the dynamic and talented leaders in our church.

## An Opportunity to Teach

We are in need of another **4th + 5th Grade Room Helper as well as a Preschool-Kindergarten Room Teacher**. Training will be provided so that you feel comfortable and prepared in the classroom. If you have a heart for either of these age groups, we would love to have you join the faith formation team. If interested, please contact the church office or Anna Spencer ([aspencer@wesleypark.org](mailto:aspencer@wesleypark.org)).

## Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, February 27 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 Theatre

Save The Date!! Saturday, March 18th at 5:30 pm in the FLC, 3rd Annual Youth Dinner Theater, Mystery Murder Fundraiser. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun as the youth present an Aesop versus Grimm theater experience!! This will be a free will offering event to fund the youth mission trip this summer to West Virginia. Sign up at the Welcome Desk through Sunday, March 12th!!

## 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. Blood drive will be held in the Fellowship hall from 8 am until noon.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$4,372**

**(8 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$46,940**

**(45 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$451**

## Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name!  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness. Blessed be Your name.  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise!  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your name!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your glorious name!  
Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me.  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name!  
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering.  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name!  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise!  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your name!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your glorious name!  
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You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say: Blessed be Your name!  
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## One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant through the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
On and on and on and on it goes  
For It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
Your love  
In death and in life I'm confident and covered by the power of your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate my heart from your great love  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me!  
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## A Dare for Lent

All are welcome to join in a book discussion of One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to LIVE FULLY Right Where You Are (Ann Voskamp). Jennifer Schick will be guiding this discussion on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The class will run from March 8th thru April 12th (no meeting on April 5th). If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. While there you can also pick up your hardcover copy of the book for \$7. You can pay with cash, check, or debit/credit card. Please let us know if you will need childcare during the book study. In addition to the book, please also bring a small notebook or journal. You'll get started on counting your One Thousand Gifts (and more) in this time together.

## Free Estate Planning Workshops

Wesley Park will be hosting a free estate planning workshop March 11 from 10 am-noon and March 27 from 6 pm-8 pm. Gravelyn Law will be conducting the workshop. Space is limited. Sign up by calling (616) 288-9527. Let us know if you are in need of childcare. Stop by the Welcome Desk for a flyer.

## Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation

March 5th - April 9th

Study of the Book: Living Fully, Dying Well

by the late Rueben Job (United Methodist Pastor + Bishop in Iowa)

Rueben Job believed, "we cannot live fully without serious consideration of life and it's meaning, we cannot die well without consideration of death and it's meaning for all of us." This book will bring us into a conversation about these important and difficult topics. **This study will also connect with Pastor Dean's sermon for March and April. Books are \$5 and can be purchased at the welcome desk.** You do not need a book to participate but it will provide additional readings about the topics we will study together. All are welcome to join us!

## Ash Wednesday

March 1 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. All are encouraged to invite the community to the Ashes to Go from noon to 1 pm in the Wesley Park parking lot. All will receive a blessing and the sign of the cross while in their car on lunch break from work, because of mobility issues, or because of personal preference. We will also host an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 pm in our Sanctuary where all are welcome.

## (If VCI Passes) The Schedule for Lent

- **Sunday, March 5, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 1; Living Fully*
- **Saturday, March 11, 10 am - Noon**
  - Free Estate Planning Workshop
- **Sunday, March 12, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 2; Theology of Aging*
- **Sunday, March 19, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 3; Our Culture's View of Aging*
- **Sunday, March 26, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 4; Finding Purpose and Meaning in Life*
- **Monday, March 27, 6 pm - 8 pm**
  - Free Estate Planning Workshop
- **Sunday, April 2, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 5; Dying Well*
- **Sunday, April 9, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 6; What Happens When We Die?*
- **Thursday, April 13, 7 pm**
  - Maundy Thursday Worship
- **Friday, April 14, 7 pm**
  - Good Friday Worship
- **Sunday, April 16**
  - Easter Sunrise Worship, 7 am
  - Easter Breakfast
  - Easter Celebration Worship, 9:30 am