

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, February 29			
Tuesday, March 1	Praise Team, 7 pm		Brad & Molly Jeltema
Wednesday, March 2	Prayer Group, 10 am Fellowship Meal, 5 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Disciple Class, 6:15 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Kevin De Vries Tim Piccard	Kurt & Ann Christensen
Thursday, March 3	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Baton Class, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	Esther Blanco	
Friday, March 4			
Saturday, March 5		Virginia Gearhart Liz Montcastle	
Sunday, March 6	Worship, 9 am VCI Home Team, 10 am Worship, 11 am	Jessica Hughes	Bill & Vicky Beaty

## Dates to Remember

☆ Florentine's Dinner: **March 28**

☆ *Purchase your ticket (\$10 adult, \$4 child) after worship today just outside the sanctuary or 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 28, 2016

## Our Lenten Journey: Poverty and Hunger

Please welcome Dr. Bruce Roller, who has come from **UCOM** to share the message in worship. (And wish Bruce a Happy Birthday today!) UCOM is making a difference in our community on many different levels. Currently working out of an old funeral home, UCOM provides life! The Food Pantry, healthy cooking courses, support systems, and ongoing programs give hope to those in our community who are experiencing poverty and hunger.

United Church Outreach Ministry values individuals and builds community in southwestern Kent County by providing material and educational assistance to meet basic needs, improve quality of life, and promote self-sufficiency.

This afternoon at 4 pm, please consider supporting the work of UCOM by purchasing a ticket to the 13th Annual Friends of UCOM Benefit Concert, featuring Phil Pletcher, Gabriella de la Rosa, and the GRCC Guitar Ensemble. This Benefit Concert will not only raise money for UCOM, but it will also raise awareness about poverty and hunger in our community, and increase relationships among the great network of friends who are committed to making a difference. For more information about the United Church Outreach Ministry, go to [www.ucomgr.org](http://www.ucomgr.org).

*Randee Martin*

## 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.

## 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. Cookies and coffee will be available.

### Feb

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

### March

**6** - VCI gathering: Passionate Worship

**13** - Chapter 8: Success

**20** - Chapter 9: Kinship

**27** - Easter! No Faith Formation

## UMW Meeting Tuesday, March 22

The UMW will meet in the Cornerstone room at 6:30 pm. All women are invited to come and learn more about our United Methodist Womens ministry here at Wesley Park. Childcare will be provided.

## 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"

## VCI Home Team Meets March 6 at 10 am

Please plan to meet in the Family Life Center today to learn more about what the Road Team is learning with Vital Church Initiative. The focus today will be on Passionate Worship, presented by Pastor Dean Prentiss.

## Florentine's Dinner Monday, March 28

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.

## Blood Drive

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

## 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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[www.wesleypark.org](http://www.wesleypark.org) (new website)

# Prayers

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