

Date	Event	Birthday	Anniversary
Monday, March 4			
Tuesday, March 5		Virginia Gearhart Liz Montcastle	
Wednesday, March 6	Women's Prayer Group, 10 AM Bread & Water Meal, 6 PM Ash Wednesday Service, 7 PM Scottish Society, 7 PM	Jessica Hughes	
Thursday, March 7	Praise Team!, 5 PM Chancel Choir, 6:30 PM	Frank Sigala	
Friday, March 8			
Saturday, March 9		Chuck Dear Kiarra Jones Nancy Spalenka	
Sunday, March 10	Foundations Service, 9:15 AM Youth Group, 9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:30 AM IMPACT, 11 AM Dinner Theater Practice, noon	Dick Jackson Caleb Jahncke Josiah Jahncke Al Pittenger	



# Wesley Park Weekly

March 3, 2019

## Pastor's Page

Jesus lived in a time that was dominated by rules and laws and customs and expectations. There were laws around hygiene and healings, sacrifices and burial, blessings and dress. Jesus was asked, out of all these laws, which is the greatest?

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40

It is important to remember these two commandments, on which all other laws are built. Love God, and love neighbor.

John Wesley wrote the three General Rules to help those in the earliest Methodist societies stay focused on what was most important.

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

The United Methodist Church is going through a difficult time right now trying to learn how to live in a world filled with diversity. When things feel overwhelming we would do well to remember the greatest commandments and the General Rules. For, if we love God with our heart, soul, and mind, and if we love our neighbor as if they were a part of our family, and if we seek to do no harm, and if we try to do good, and if we prayerfully and intentionally stay in love with God, how could we not live into the love of Jesus Christ? Let us support one another as we grow in love.

Peace,

*Rae DeArto*

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## *The Prayers of Our Hearts*

**Freddi Angus** - Thank you Jane Ellen. Worry is a waste of time. You gave us so many ideas. Prayer is the worlds best wireless connection.

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Wonderful service today!

**Val Rienks** - Phyllis was discharged from PT. The social worker referred Phyllis for Medicaid waiver and encouraged me to reapply for Medicaid and to update Villa Maria with current address and income. I talked with Always Best Senior Care and Dwayne said that I had done everything and to keep him posted.

**Julie Riemersma** - Pray for our church, people going through hard times, and pray for UMW. Thank you Jane Ellen for a great sermon.

**Chuck Johnson** - Prayer for doctors appointment Monday and that I can get an ENG right away. The issue as been going on for two years.

**Esther Fernandez** - Thank you Jane. I love to hear your messages. You are funny. I do love to dance too. Adrienne, Dave, and Sara; thank you for your beautiful music. Please pray for my niece, Julia, she has health issues and needs some tests.

**Diane Carpenter** - Rev. Jane, you were great!

**Nancy Carpenter** - God bless you, Jane Ellen. You are such a joy to be around.

### **Diaper Donations**

This Thursday is the monthly food distribution. We are in need of diaper donations to hand out to those in need. You can bring them into the office anytime this week during office hours. The most popular size is 4. We could also use some baby wipes. Thank you for all you are doing for our community!

### **Ministry Share Update**

#### **100% Ministry Shares Challenge**

Paid To Date:

**\$5,531**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$41,491**

### **Heifer International**

Next Sunday, March 10, the Heifer International Peace Pole will be set up in the Welcome Center to receive gifts of quarters for help end hunger and poverty each Sunday in Lent.

Your gifts will give families around the world the livestock and training they need to starts their own small farms and business, earn steady incomes, put food on the table and send their children to school.

### **Annual Dinner Theater**

Reservations are open for the 5th Annual Youth Dinner Theater production in the 1150 Room. Play is on March 23rd. Doors open at 5pm and show will begin at 6pm. Space is limited so make your reservations early. You can make your reservations at the Information Desk or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/JK9xbu1Z8rbIUHWr1>. Contact the office with any questions.

### **Lenten Study**

We will have a Lenten study that will begin on March 6 with a bread and water dinner at 6pm and an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm. The study will be based around the book Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by Amy-Jill Levine. Please let the office know if you would like a copy of the book to follow along. Books will be \$14. Registration will begin this week for the class.

### **Ash Wednesday**

This Wednesday we will be having our Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. There will be a bread and water meal prior to the start of the service at 6 PM. Please contact the office if you have any questions.