

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 5	Young Adult Group, 7 pm	Liz Montcastle	
Tuesday, March 6		Jessica Hughes	
Wednesday, March 7	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Kitchen Team Meeting, 6:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm Scottish Society, 7 pm		
Thursday, March 8	Congregational Care, 2 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm		
Friday, March 9		Chuck Dear Kiarra Jones Nancy Spalenka	
Saturday, March 10		Dick Jackson JR Caleb Jahncke Josiah Jahncke Brian Kropp Al Pittenger	
Sunday, March 11	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Blood Pressure Check, 10:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT Rehearsal, 11 am	Kathy Carruthers	

Blood Drive

Wesley Park blood drive is on March 25 from 8am-noon. You can be a hero - the need is great! If you scheduled somewhere else, please consider donating at our church. Our goal is 15 donors. Let's do it! Contact Bill Kerby (261-9958) with any questions.



Wesley Park Weekly

March 4, 2018

Pastor's Page

During this season of Lent, our focus is on temptation and finding strength and hope through our Baptism. Our community is currently experiencing an opioid crises. The Red Project is dedicated to confront this epidemic through education and treatment.

(www.redproject.org) Opioid overdose is a national epidemic and Kent County has not been spared, with deaths from accidental drug overdose surpassing automobile accidents. However, every overdose fatality is highly preventable. Naloxone (Narcan®) is a prescription medication that can safely and effectively reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. As of June 1st, 2017, over 5,000 individuals in the Grand Rapids community have been trained to use Naloxone, leading to more than 600 saved lives!

The Red Project offers Naloxone (also known as Narcan) for FREE to individuals, family members, and friends who want to be prepared for loved one who may be at risk. The prescription, a brief training, and the medication is provided on site by knowledgeable Red Project staff and volunteers.

Please consider attending one of the trainings below. You can coordinate to go with others through our online Care Connection.

Monday - Friday	9 am - 5 pm	401 Hall St. SE
Monday	6 pm - 8 pm	54 S. Division (Heartside Ministries)
Wednesday	5 pm - 7 pm	Stocking and 5th (Mobile Health Unit)
Thursday	6 pm - 8 pm	54 S. Division (Heartside Ministries)
Friday	3 pm - 4:30 pm	Fuller Ave. and Adams St. (Mobile Health Unit)
Friday	5 pm - 6:30 pm	Burton and Division (Mobile Health Unit)

Ron Dear

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 25th communication cards...

Paula Hartley - Prayers for Stephen. Tuesday he is having his 3rd cornea transplant. Hopefully this one will work.

Nancy Chambers - Prayers for Betty Stoutjesdyk. She is at Heartland on East Beltline and doing much better.

Carolyn DuBuis - Please pray for Jackie Price.

Ginny Hughes - Prayers for my son, Steve Hughes.

Nancy Carpenter - Please pray for Colbie who is sick with a double ear infection. Thank you.

Paula Pawloski - I am facing a number of challenges in the coming months. Please say a prayer for me as I can use all the help I can get.

Sallie McLean - My bus driver, Donna, asked for prayers. I fell last night and it took 2 nurses to get me up. Thank you Lord.

Dori DeCommer - Prayers for the nurses at Metron of Forest Hills. I am so grateful.

Freddi Angus - Today I am very thankful for my neighbor, Mr. Wheeler, who helped me get the car out of the garage because I had no power.

Chuck Johnson - My friend, Steve, lost his nephew to the flu. Prayers for Steve and his family.

Dolores Sanford - Prayers of continued healing for Ron. Donna Mulder is going to Medilodge on 56th for rehab. She was in Zeeland Hospital last week.

Val Rienks - Prayers for my aunt, Linda. She was injured in a car accident and is now at Mary Free Bed - Sparrow for rehab. She will possibly be able to go home March 3. Uncle Darrell had bumps and bruises, but not hurt badly.

Rick & Sheryl Jones - Prayers for the Dine family. Mary, wife and mother, passed away totally unexpectedly Saturday.

Jason Bouchard - Surgery went well. Praise God! Please pray the bleeding stops so I can work on Monday. I have a more major surgery next. Prayers for guidance.

Anna Rabine - Praise to God. My brother, David's, Leukemia is in remission. He is slowly recovering from all the side effects. Thank you for your prayers and concern.

Our Lenten Journey

During this Season of Lent, we will focus on temptation during our 9:15 Worship (Foundations). And, each week we will practice a portion of the IMPACT Service in preparation for the April 1 Launch.

The Schedule for Lent

- **March 4**
 - Foundations Worship, 9:15 am "Tempted by Money"
 - IMPACT Worship Rehearsal, 11 am
 - IMPACT Project, Communion Practice
- **March 11**
 - Foundations Worship, 9:15 am "Tempted by the Darkness"
 - IMPACT Worship Rehearsal, 11 am
 - Transitions, Guests, Giving Practice
- **March 18**
 - Foundations Worship, 9:15 am "Tempted to Turn Away"
 - IMPACT Worship Rehearsal, 11 am
 - Technology, Sharing, Social Media Practice
- **March 25**
 - Foundations Worship, 9:15 am "Tempted to Betray Christ"
 - IMPACT Worship Rehearsal, 11 am
 - Full Service Practice
- **March 29**
 - Holy Thursday, 7 pm Worship
- **March 30**
 - Good Friday, 7 pm Worship
- **April 1**
 - Easter Breakfast, 7:30-11 am in Fellowship Hall
 - Easter Celebration Foundations Service, 9:15 am
 - Easter Celebration IMPACT Worship Launch, 11 am

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