

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 7		Frank Sigala	
Tuesday, March 8	Praise Team, 7 pm Staff Parish, 5:30pm		
Wednesday, March 9	Prayer Group, 10 am Fellowship Meal, 5 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Disciple Class, 6:15 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Chuck Dear Kiarra Jones Nancy Spalenka	
Thursday, March 10	Baton Class, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	Richard Jackson Caleb Jahncke Josiah Jahncke Brian Kropp Al Pittenger	
Friday, March 11		Kathy Carruthers	
Saturday, March 12	Dinner Theater, 5:30pm VCI, 9 am		Gary & Barb DeCan
Sunday, March 13	Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am Worship, 11 am	Amy VanderWoude	

## 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: Worship

William H. Willimon: "To ask the theological question is simply to ask, What does our worship say about God? or the corollary, What does God say to us about our worship? Surely this is the toughest and most basic question to be asked, but, curiously, it is often the last question we ask. If we think about our worship at all, usually we think in terms of, What do I want from our worship? or, What do my people want from our worship? without daring to be so bold as to ask, What does God want from our worship?"

Willimon, William H. *Worship as Pastoral Care*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1979, 22.

Dear friends, it is so good to be back! Thank you for your support and understanding as I spent the month of February in prayer and study around the subjects of music and worship. I traveled and connected with many people, and would like to share with you some of my reflections as they relate to our Vital Church Initiative process. I hope you can join me at 10 am today to explore this question together, "What does God want from our worship?"

*Rae Dear & Katie*

## 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.

### 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.

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

## Children Faith Formation

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you want to help them learn about God? We are looking for a few more friendly faces to join the children's ministry during the 10am Faith Formation hour:

### Current Need:

1 Preschool - Kindergarten room sub

1 1st-3rd Grade room sub

Please see or contact Anna Spencer ([aspencer@wesleypark.org](mailto:aspencer@wesleypark.org)) if you are interested.

## Combined Choir Concert

Save the date! One April 17th, our very own Chancel Choir will be joining 2 other area choirs in a fundraiser concert. They will be joined by the choirs from Plymouth United Church of Christ and St Alphonse Catholic Church. It will be held at St. Alphonse Catholic Church at 7pm. This is a free concert that will have a free will offering. The free will offering will be divided between the churches to be used as they see fit. At this time, it hasn't been decided where it will be allocated. If you have any questions about the concert, feel free to talk to Phil Pletcher.

## Wesley Park Youth Give Back

On behalf of the Wesley Park Youth, we want to thank the entire congregation for their generosity during our fundraiser for Helen Devos Children's Hospital. We raised enough funds to purchase and fill 58 cinch-sacs. We could not have done it with all of your support!

## Mike's 50's Diner

Mike, Gigi, Lyle, and Zoe invite you to the grand opening of their new restaurant, Mike's 50's Cafe, on March 12. Doors open at 5:30pm and festivities begin at 6pm. Come dressed in your best 1950's outfit. On the menu you will find some of your favorite 1950's dishes. Come see how our owners handle opening night with all the different family dynamics. Thank you for the huge response we have gotten for their grand opening. We are completely booked 3 weeks prior to the show! Because of this overwhelming response; we will be doing a Friday and a Saturday night show next year.

## Heifer Peace Pole

Throughout the season of Lent we will again fill the "Peace Pole" with quarters to help Heifer International end hunger and poverty for families around the world. Recipients of Heifer International gifts of animals are required to "Pass on the Gift" by giving the first born or equivalent of the gift received to another poor family in the community causing the original gifts to multiply. When the pole is full, it will hold over \$120, enough to purchase a sheep, pig, or goat. The Peace Pole is on a table in the narthex. You can also talk to Nancy Spalenka if you have any questions.

## Ministry Shares

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:  
**\$4543**  
**(9 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:  
**\$46990**  
**(43 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$195**



## Upcoming Family Promise

Family Promise of Grand Rapids is making dreams come true for families all over West Michigan and we want to help in their mission.

Our guests will be coming to stay here with us April 24th-May 1. It takes many hands to make this a home for them. We need your help!

Please sign up in the Narthex or on [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

## 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.

## Prayers

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**Barb DeCan** - Please pray for Dad. It is not easy being 92. Also prayers of thanksgiving for my brother and his wife. They found a church at their winter location in Arizona that they joined.

**June Jones** - Thank you for all the prayers and concern after my mini stroke.

**Ann Bellgraph** - Prayers for my granddaughter, Amanda Nash, who will be having surgery this week.

**Esther Fernandez** - Bruce, thank you so much for your message. I am glad you shared it with us. Thank you Wesley Park family for all your prayers. Please pray for my sister, Raquel. She does not take care of her health.

**Peggy Pittenger** - Thank you, Bruce, for the wonderful message.

**Brian & Judy Hepp** - Dear Lord, help me become the person you want me to be.

**Pat Beadle** - Please pray for my 11 yr old grandson, Jaxson, who has developed muscle weakness of unknown origin. Thank you also to Bruce for a good message.

**Linda Hagan** - Please pray for a friend who is going through a very difficult time right now.

**Cindy Lang** - Continued prayers for my parents, Verl and Marion McManus. Verl is in rehab at Waterford. He will come home this week. Prayers that he can continue to live at home at the age of 91 with my mother age 89.

**Nancy Chambers** - Bruce, thank you for sharing the word with us.

**Gibbard family** - Prayers for comfort and healing for Max as he dealing with continued health problems. Praises for wonderful performances and the sharing of such talents for CCHS's Beauty and the Beast musical.

**Bella Mosqueda** - Pray for my family and my mommy's boyfriend, Chris, and his family.

**Lynda Edsall** - Prayers for Deb Grooters. She had to have her lower left leg amputated. Prayers for her physical and emotional being.

**Gary & Deb Hodges** - Bruce, thank you for the powerful sermon! This message will stay with me for a long time!

**Jayne & Jorie Schafer** - Prayers for, Julie Riemersma, while she is in Florida and her for her travels home.

**Continued Prayers:** Prayers for Hannah Steenhagen, Ben Peterson, Warren Slesman, Bill VanDalsen, Jack Boyer, Karin Drost, Jan Kutschinski, Rev. Myron Williams, Bev Slesman, Mary Tremblay, Rev. Gordon Spalenka

