

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 12	Young Adult Group, 7 pm		Gary & Barb DeCan
Tuesday, March 13	SPRC, 5:30 pm	Amy Vander Woude	
Wednesday, March 14	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Internal Readiness, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm Faith Development, 7:45 pm		Gale & Carol Eckert
Thursday, March 15	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm	Kurt Christensen Andrew Hughes	
Friday, March 16		Brittiney Howland	Phillip & Elaine Urrutia
Saturday, March 17	Worship Team, 10 am Usher Training, 10 am	Carson Chambers	
Sunday, March 18	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT Rehearsal, 11 am	Edward Newton	

## Welcome Desk Welcomes All

Stop by the Welcome Desk this morning in the Welcome Center.



- ✦ Get a **name badge**, even if this is your first Sunday!
- ✦ Donations for **West Elementary**.
- ✦ Purchase **White Caps** Tickets.
- ✦ Purchase **Florentines** Tickets



## You Are Invited to IMPACT April 1, 2018 11 am

Hello! Wesley Park United Methodist Church is launching a new worship service on Easter Sunday, April 1, at 11 am. The service is called IMPACT! Our focus each week will be on making a difference in the lives of people in our local and global community.

Someone has thought that you might be interested in the IMPACT service! Maybe they know that you have a kind and generous heart. Or perhaps you have talked about how much you love great music. Maybe you have been away from a faith community for a while and are looking to find a place that is healthy and loving. Or, maybe you have never stepped into a church, and the person who handed you this invitation knows that Wesley Park wants you to feel safe in this space. Someone thought that you might be interested in the IMPACT service that starts April 1 at 11 am.

You certainly don't have to have it all together and all figured out. And, you don't have to worry about what to wear - just be comfortable. If you have kids, they are welcome to stay in worship or go for a time called "Kids on a Mission" where they will help with an age-appropriate mission project. Youth grades 6-12 are a very important part of Wesley Park. The youth group meets together each week, growing together in a positive environment. People of all ages are welcome to get involved in making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Whoever handed you this invitation to the IMPACT service April 1 Launch wants you to feel welcome at Wesley Park. So do I. Life is hard. And life is beautiful. And I believe that we are stronger when we journey together through it all. Check us out at [www.wesleypark.org](http://www.wesleypark.org).

Bring this invitation with you April 1 or any Sunday following and I will personally make sure you get donuts from Marge's Donut Den!

*Roxanne Martin*

## 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 March 4th communication cards...*

**Ross & Erin Vanderlaan** - Thank you to our wonderful congregation for the support of our amazing youth. We can't thank you enough.

**Kelly Wasnich** - I have a new full time job. Praise be to God!

**Craig Cox** - Just need prayers. I am giving up years of chewing tobacco and using nicotine patches.

**Laura Szczepanek** - Please pray for my friend, MaryAnn, who had cancer surgery last week. A tough battle ahead of her.

**Larry & Wendy Harr** - Sara and Dave: thumbs up!

**Annette Jeltema** - Thank you. wonderful sermon and music. I am so blessed to be a member of this church. God truly lives here.

**Ron Thompson** - Prayers for my brother, Joe. He is having health issues.

**Kathy DenHollander** - Prayers for my bother, Lowell, as he waits for biopsy reports.

Praise God that a friend, Greg, is now safe in a memory unit. He is younger than I am. Thanks to the MANY people that made the youth dinner a success!

**Ann Bellgraph** - Was wonderful to sing the old familiar songs that bring back wonderful memories.

**Jason Bouchard** - Having complications from the surgery. Please pray for my employment.

**Jackie Matson** - Thank you for a great worship service, music, and sermon!

**Jess Hughes** - We thank God for Andrew's new job opportunity!

**Toni Pullen** - Great evening last night youth leaders. Thank you for your hard work.

**Anonymous** - Loved the service! So meaningful! Great to be back home.

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Our service today was wonderful. Thanks to all.

**David Waugh & Tena Podein** - God bless our youth, leaders, volunteers, parents, siblings, Pastor, spouses, set-up, clean-up, and food. Wonderful, wonderful. Beyond proud of this youth program.

## 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 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

## Usher Training

**Who:** Ushers and those interested in being ushers

**When:** Saturday, March 17, 10am - noon

**Where:** Marv & Omie Tanis Welcome Center

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Starnes (616-249-1098) or Chuck Dear (616-878-9371)

## **Kids Faith Formation - Updates**

The kids at 11 am Faith Formation have been diligently making bracelets and other jewelry to sell in order to raise money to help Family Promise. They voted on the project and where the proceeds would go to. Now we need your help! The kids will be in the welcome center between the services to share their bracelets and earrings with you for a donation to Family Promise (cash or checks will be accepted). **The sale will be happening March 11, 18, and 25th. Please help the children as they use their gifts and talents to help Family Promise.**

If you are interested in helping the children lead missions projects at 11 am or teaching them Bible stories at 9:15 am, **we would love to have you join us!** Leave a note on your communication card, email, call or see Anna Spencer on a Sunday.

## **Florentine's Fundraiser**

The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, March 26 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.

## **Worship Team Training**

If you are on the worship team or would like more information about being a part of the team; there will be a training in the Family Life Center on Saturday, March 17, 10am - noon. Please contact the office (616-988-6738) if you have any questions.

**Aimee Terry** - Prayers for my friend, Janna. She has MS and her medication now costs her over \$1000 a month (after insurance). Without the medication her doctors have told her she has about 9 months left of quality. Please pray for her and her family.

**Nancy Chambers** - The alter is beautiful. Thank you Jane Ellen.

**Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen** - Thank you youth and youth leaders for a wonderful dinner theater evening! We will be sure to attend next year.

**Freddi Angus** - Please pray for Karen McCarty. She had medical help in her home last night and did not need to go to the hospital. Thank you.

**Anonymous** - Very slow recovery from Pneumonia for Joanne Gustafson. Pray for healing.

**Esther Fernandez** - I am glad I am back to sing for our Lord and you. God is so good. Please pray for Rev. Stuarts family. He went to be with our Lord on February 21st. Sara and David, beautiful singing. Thank you Pastor Dean and Adrienne.

**Nancy Carpenter** - God bless you Sara, Adrienne, and Dave for sharing your amazing gifts with us. God bless our youth and youth leaders for a special night of entertainment, good food, and fellowship. Love you all!

## **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 Welcome Center. You can also talk to Nancy Spalenka if you have any questions.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:  
**\$5,581**  
(9 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:  
**\$45,755**  
(43 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$393**

### Piano/Awning Collection Update

Entrance Awning: **\$2,905**

Yamaha Piano: **\$13,849**

## IMPACT Teams

The rehearsals for the new IMPACT service have begun in the Family Life Center. You can help by joining one of the new teams that are forming. The new teams are: **Children and Youth Team, Covenant Group Team, Hospitality Team, Technology Team, Ushering Team, and Worship Team.** Stop by the Welcome Desk to pick up a detailed description of each of these teams and to ask any questions you may have. Once you have decided what team you would like to be involved with; you can either let Tabi ([tabi@wesleypark.org](mailto:tabi@wesleypark.org)) or Pastor Dean ([deanprentiss1@gmail.com](mailto:deanprentiss1@gmail.com)) know. You can also just show up in the Family Life Center at 11 am to get more information.

## 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.

## Blood Pressure Checks

Anna Rabine will be holding blood pressure checks in the Fellowship Hall after service today. She will be there from 10:30 am until 11:00 am. Stop by to have coffee, a cookie, and your blood pressure checked.

## Wesley Park Rummage Sale

Even though it is still snowing out, the youth leaders are already thinking about the spring rummage sale to benefit the 2018 mission trip. The sale to help the youth will be Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. More details to come as to when you can start bringing in your items, where to put them, and what kinds of items we are not expecting this year. We can pick up anything that needs a truck and trailer on Friday, April 20. Call or text Eric at 616-446-7679 or email at [eterry@wesleypark.org](mailto:eterry@wesleypark.org) if you need a pick-up. Please spread the word. Much love and thanks! The Wesley Park Youth

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19. Wesley Park will be heading out to Fifth Third Ballpark for a night of White Caps baseball. Tickets are \$13 each. There is no food voucher included this year. You will have until April 15th to purchase your tickets. Please stop by the office or Welcome Desk to purchase. You can pay by cash, check, and debit/credit card. There are fireworks after the game. Please join us for what is going to be a fun evening with our church family. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office (616-988-6738).

