

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 14	Finance, 7 pm	Tonya Coates	Gale & Carol Eckert
Tuesday, March 15	Rock and Mineral 6:15 Praise Team, 7 pm	Kurt Christensen Andrew Hughes	
Wednesday, March 16	Prayer Group, 10 am Fellowship Meal, 5 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Disciple Class, 6:15 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Brittany Howland	Phillip & Elaine Urrutia
Thursday, March 17	Baton Class, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	Carson Chambers	
Friday, March 18		Edward Newton	Amy & Brandon Dunlap
Saturday, March 19		Eileen Hitch Kristie Howland Hope Jahncke	
Sunday, March 20	Palm Sunday, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am Palm Sunday, 11 am	Micah Clochuh Jeffrey Howland	

Dates to Remember

- ☆ Blood Drive, **March 20**. Sign up in Welcome Center today.
- ☆ Maundy Thursday Seder Meal: **March 24**, 6 pm. Please RSVP.
- ☆ Good Friday: **March 25**, 7 pm
- ☆ Easter Sunrise Service: **March 27**, 7 am
- ☆ Easter Worship: **March 27**, 9 am and 11 am
- ☆ 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 Lenten Journey: How to Address Hunger

Tips for Addressing Hunger from www.umcom.org:

1. Take a moment to read the "Feeding of the Five Thousand" - John 6: 1-14 (it reminds us of what happens when one person shares what they have)
2. Recognize that at some level we all have our own poverty, need or brokenness (think of feeding the hungry as a parallel journey together with your own spiritual journey)
3. Educate yourself about hunger (know it is an urban, suburban and rural problem, and talk to people working with hunger in your area)
4. Do things from community up (can't just think of an idea and hope everyone will latch on to it - support from community is crucial)
5. Explore who is already at work in the community (ask non-profits, community organizations and other churches; join together to build support)
6. Take a multi-level approach (no single thing can end hunger, so might have to develop programs that build on each other or something already in place)
7. Feed people, love them, offer them a safe place to come or share and talk (know that there is no magic quick fix and it could take time to build - be satisfied with making a start and seeing where it goes)
8. Consider your own decisions you make about food (only buy what you need, start a giving jar in your home, educate those around you, pray for the hungry)
9. Take the SNAP challenge - (see what it is like to live on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program allowance - \$29 per person - for an entire week)

Ros Dea Martin

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 13 - Chapter 8: Success, **20** - Chapter 9: Kinship, **27** - 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 Women's ministry here at Wesley Park. Childcare will be provided.

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.

Ministry Shares

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$5,286

(9 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$46,247

(43 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$743**

Wesley Park United Methodist Church
1150 32nd Street SW Wyoming, Michigan 49509
616-988-6738 info@wesleypark.org
www.wesleypark.org

Combined Choir Concert

Save the date! On April 17th, our very own Chancel Choir will be joining 2 other area choir's in a fundraiser concert. They will be joined by the choirs from Plymouth United Church of Christ and St Alphonsus Catholic Church. It will be held at St. Alphonsus 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.

Traditional Jewish Seder Meal

Please plan to join us on Maundy Thursday (March 24) for a traditional Seder meal. Len Robinson, president of Temple Emanuel, will be leading the Seder meal and will begin at 6pm. You can sign up outside the sanctuary, by calling the office (616.988.6738), or emailing Tabi (tabi@wesleypark.org). It will be a truly meaningful experience for everyone who attends.

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 outside the sanctuary, or on www.signupgenius.com

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.

Prayers

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- **Keith & Pat Warren** - Good test results for Mike Stroven.
- **Mike & Jill Beck** - Welcome back, Dean!!
- **Ron & Delores Sanford** - Welcome back, Pastor Dean.
- **Maynard Culver** - Prayers for Jean's health. Prayers for our son, Greg, and his family.
- **Tena Podein** - Thank you Wesley Park family. Please continue to pray for Ted and the whole family. He was in the hospital 15 days again. Now home, but this set him back quite a bit. His remaining leg had to be opened and pins removed.
- **Jim Gustafson** - Pray for my wife, Joanne. She has pneumonia and is a very slow healing.
- **Freddi Angus** - Please pray for all my friends who have cancer, Kathy, Jennifer, Sandy, Chris, and Bill. Please pray for healing. Also, pray for those facing divorce. May God put a healing touch on them. Thanks always.
- **Anonymous** - Thank you, God, for all you provide; a job, money, work, friends, family, a church, clean water, forgiveness, food, love, hope, faith, and grace. Glad our Pastor is back. Glad he learned to help us grow and worship in a new way.
- **Lynda Edsall** - Prayers for VCI team. Thank you for all your hard work and to help us be the best example of Christ we can be.
- **Myrtle Hartzog** - Welcome back, Pastor Dean.
- **Chuck & Sally Dear** - So glad to have you back, Dean. We missed you!
- **Nancy Spalenka** - Prayers that Gordon's kidney and heart meds can get adjusted to help both issues.
- **Barb DeCan** - Please pray for my husband, Gary. He has ongoing pain and going thru tests. This Saturday, the 12th, will be our 32nd anniversary. I feel very blessed to be married to him.
- **Alfredo & Esther Fernandez** - Pastor Dean, welcome back! I missed you and your family. Our church family is so important to me and a lot of members. Welcome back, Marilyn. I miss you every time you go away. The song you sang was beautiful.
- **Cindy Lang** - Doug, my husband, is in the hospital. He will have a heart cath on Monday. Prayers all goes well. My dad, Verl McManus, is home from rehab with mom. My sister is living and caring for them. Prayers for all of them
- **Prayers:** Prayers for Hannah Steenhagen, Ben Peterson, Warren Slesman, Bill VanDalsen, Jack Boyer, Karin Drost, Jan Kutschinski, Rev. Myron Williams, Bev Slesman, Mary Tremblay

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"

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