

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.

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#### 9:30 am Worship Helpers:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Bill and Vicky VanDalsen, Kathy DenHollander
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck & Janice Starnes, David Waugh, Tena Podein
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Landon Terry and Angel Najar
- ☀ **Liturgist:** Kathy Carruthers
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Nursery:** Pat Beadle
- ☀ **Child Advocate:** Skyler Maitner
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Jim Gustafson and Tabi Fischer
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Erin Vanderlaan, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Adrienne Prentiss, Ben Johnson, and Al Pittenger

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, [dprentiss@wesleypark.org](mailto:dprentiss@wesleypark.org)
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- ⊠ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director
- ⊠ **Rostyn Properties**, Custodial Services
- ⊠ **CCLI**, #860995



# Wesley Park Weekly

March 19, 2017

## Service of Prayer and Healing

Our Vital Church Initiative prescriptions call us to have a Day of Prayer and Healing that will allow the congregation to let go of the pain and hurt of the past and embrace the opportunity the future holds. This day will be led by the coach or his designee and will be conducted before March 31, 2017. Today we have an opportunity to heal, and to grow with the blessings of God. We are thankful to be joined today by Rev. Gary Step.

From The United Methodist Book of Worship:

Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing. The root of the word healing in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of *salvation* or *wholeness*. Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationship through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Through such healing, God works to bring about reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation. The New Testament records that Jesus himself healed the estranged and sick and sent out his disciples on ministries of healing.

Laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and the less formal gesture of holding someone's hand all show the power of touch, which plays a central role in the healings recorded in the New Testament. Jesus often touched others - blessing children, washing feet, healing injuries or disease, and raising people from death. Biblical precedent combines with our natural desire to reach out to persons in need in prompting us to touch gently and lovingly those who ask for healing prayers. Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in his name. Anointing the forehead with oil is a sign act invoking the healing love of God. The oil points beyond itself and those doing the anointing to the action of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the healing Christ, who is God's Anointed One.

*Rev. Dean N. Prentiss*

# Prayers

- ▶ **David Waugh & Tena Podein** - Thank you Jesus for your love. Today's sermon and music was very inspirational. Thank you.
- ▶ **Val Rienks** - My mother-in-law, Phyllis, is home from Brookcrest.
- ▶ **Jessica Hughes** - Please pray for Bridget and Steph who are grieving.
- ▶ **Jan McCreery** - I am home and feeling better. Thank you for your prayers.
- ▶ **David Fisher** - This Sunday and last Sunday are two of the best sermons Dean has preached. Thank you.
- ▶ **Linda Carter** - Jenny Hughes husband had a stroke on Friday.
- ▶ **Destin Tjeerdsma** - Love everyone. Care for someone else.
- ▶ **Esther Fernandez** - Tena, you did a great job. Thank you for going out of your comfort zone. I love you.
- ▶ **Tom & Ruth Noble** - Dave & Sherry Noble want to thank everyone and express their appreciation for all the prayers being said for Sherry as she struggles with cancer.
- ▶ **Steve & Pam Bravata** - What an awesome and powerful message. I want to take that message and hack into every speaker around...but I am not a hacker so I will use my voice to continue that beautiful message. We are feeling thankful for God's grace.
- ▶ **Terry & Janice Thompson** - Thanks to our church family for all the love and support at the passing of our mother, Jeanne Thompson. This church is incredible and wonderful. God has blessed it.
- ▶ **Pat Johnson** - Thank you choir, Sara, and Adrienne.
- ▶ **Cindy Keller** - The children are amazing. I am so grateful for our choir.
- ▶ **Darlene Pinder** - Good to be back!
- ▶ **Marilyn Knapp** - My friends, who work with Greater Europe Mission on the Greek Island of Lesvos, are almost overwhelmed! Hundreds of refugees arrive daily. How can they best serve them?
- ▶ **Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Thank you Dean for such a wonderful service. Love to you.

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 20	Council, 7 pm	Jeffrey Howland	
Tuesday, March 21	Rock & Mineral, 6:15 pm	Barb DeCan Gary DeCan	
Wednesday, March 22	Women's Prayer, 10 am Dinner, 5:30 pm Youth, 6:00 pm Book Study, 6:30 pm	Pat Bloomer Willem Knoester	
Thursday, March 23	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish Class, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Carolyn DuBuis	
Friday, March 24		Max Gibbard Mary Jo Griffin	
Saturday, March 25		Kathy Challa Steve Hitch	
Sunday, March 26	Worship, 9:30 am Faith Formation, 11:00 am	Janel Folkert Elaine Weaver Elizabeth Cvancara	

## The Schedule for Lent

- **Sunday, March 19, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 3; [Our Culture's View of Aging](#)*
- **Sunday, March 26, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 4; [Finding Purpose and Meaning in Life](#)*
- **Monday, March 27, 6 pm - 8 pm**
  - Free Estate Planning Workshop
- **Sunday, April 2, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 5; [Dying Well](#)*
- **Sunday, April 9, 9:30 am Worship, 11 am Faith Formation**
  - *Growing a Memorial Garden 6; [What Happens When We Die?](#)*
- **Thursday, April 13, 7 pm**
  - Maundy Thursday Worship
- **Friday, April 14, 7 pm**
  - Good Friday Worship
- **Sunday, April 16**
  - Easter Sunrise Worship, 7 am
  - Easter Breakfast
  - Easter Celebration Worship, 9:30 am

## WESLEY PARK UMC MEN'S SOFTBALL

THE 2017 SOFTBALL SEASON IS JUST WEEKS AWAY!!! Join your Wesley Park UMC Men's Softball

### THE 'A' TEAM

If you can commit some Thursday evenings this summer to have fun, fellowship with other area church softball teams, throw a softball - at least a few yards - and maybe get a bat to hit the ball, then we need you.

Games are played at Orchard Hill Church in Walker. Interested? Contact Larry Harr at [firstshirt.lh@gmail.com](mailto:firstshirt.lh@gmail.com) or 616-291-3927 NLT April 18.

*Season starts in May!!!*

## Prayers

- ▶ **John & Kathy Challa** - Loved the song. What a great sermon!
- ▶ **Brian & Judy Hepp** - Dear God, please let the truth prevail despite the devils attempts to hide it. Amen.
- ▶ **Jan Kutschinski** - Prayers for Richard. He is having sinus surgery on the 16th of this month.
- ▶ **Freddi Angus** - Prayers for Sallie. My grandson, Hunter, is in the Air Force.
- ▶ **Dorie DeCommer** - Pray for two special members of the staff at Metron of Forest Hills.

## Play & Learning Class

We are developing a new class for young children and those with special needs who find it difficult to sit through and participate in an entire worship service.

The Play & Learning class will be a meaningful alternative for these children available after the children's blessing **starting TODAY**. Parents, if you feel like your child would benefit from this active play and learning environment please send them with Anna Spencer after the children's blessing. The class will conclude when the worship service ends so that you and your child can participate in our fellowship time and faith formation hour.

**Note:** The Play & Learning class will not meet on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month) or on Palm Sunday, April 9th and Easter Sunday, April 16th.

## Free Estate Planning Workshop

Wesley Park will be hosting a free estate planning workshop March 27 from 6pm-8pm. Gravelyn Law will be conducting the workshop. Space is limited. Sign up by calling (616) 288-9527. Let us know if you are in need of childcare. Stop by the Welcome Desk for a flyer.

## Wednesday Night Dinners Are Back

For the season of Lent, That Polish Girl Catering will be serving up some delicious dinners from 5:30pm-6:15pm every Wednesday night (except for April 5). There will be a donation bucket to help cover the cost of the food. All are welcome! On the menu this week is: White Chicken Chili, Salad, Bread, Hotdogs, Dessert, and Beverages.

## Annual Bus Trip

The annual bus trip will be going to Virginia Beach. The trip features a tour of Battleship Wisconsin, a visit to Colonial Williamsburg and the Yankee Candle Village Store. The dates have been changed from October 1-7 to September 24-30 and cost has changed from \$775 to \$755. If you would like more information please contact Joanne (616.706.7186) or Carolyn (616.538.3085).

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$7,036**

**(11 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$44,276**

**(42 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$232**

## Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, March 27 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.

## 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.

## New Fellowship Time

We want to continue having coffee, cookies, and juice for everyone to enjoy in between the service and Faith Formation hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a slot. I have put a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk for a family, small group, or just a group of friends to sign up to supply the cookies and juice for a Sunday. If you have any questions feel free to contact the office (616-988-6738) or talk to Tabi or Anna.

## Family Promise Host Week

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will be the week of April 16. Our guests move in on Easter Sunday. It takes many hands, some hard work, and a lot of commitment to make each Family Promise week work and give our guests a safe, loving, and cozy place to stay. Prayerfully consider donating some time to our guests. The Signup Genius site will be ready soon. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Keyes or Eric and Kelly Olsen.