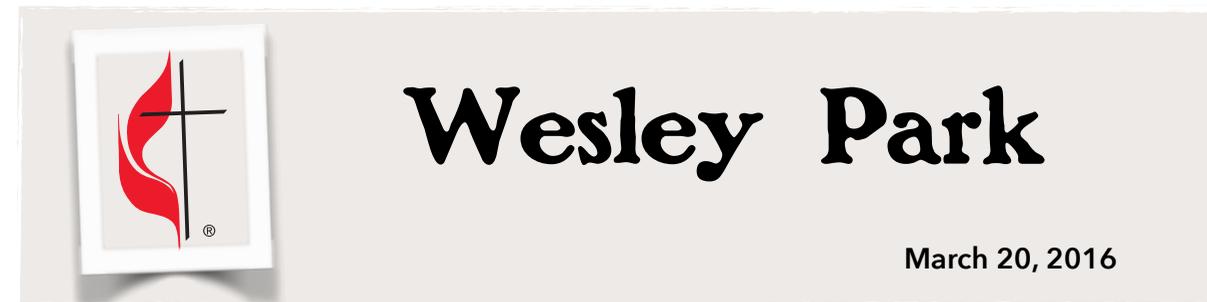


Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 21	Council, 7 pm	Barb DeCan Gary DeCan	
Tuesday, March 22	Praise Team, 7 pm	Patricia Bloomer Willem Knoester Caroline Lowing	
Wednesday, March 23	Prayer Group, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Carolyn DeBuis Casey Hurters	
Thursday, March 24	Baton Class, 5:30 pm Seder Meal, 6 pm	Max Gibbard Mary Jo Griffin	Rich & Lynn Austin
Friday, March 25	Good Friday Service, 7pm	Kathy Challa Steve Hitch	
Saturday, March 26		Janel Folkert Elaine Weaver Elizabeth Cvancara	
Sunday, March 27	Sunrise service, 7 am Traditional service, 9 am Contemporary service, 11am Easter Breakfast, 8 am		

Ministering Today		
Pastor	Rev. Dean N. Prentiss	dprentiss@wesleypark.org
Greeters	Bill VanDalsen, Vicky VanDalsen, Kathy DenHollander	
Acolyte	Ava Kropp	
Ushers	Chuck Starnes, Janice Starnes, David Waugh, Tena Podein	
Musician	Judy VanderMeer	
Sound Tech	Bruce Payne	
Video Tech	Donna Workman	



Our Lenten Journey: Holy Week

We are entering Holy Week, a time to remember the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to comprehend completely the joy of Easter without experiencing the events of Holy Week. You are invited into the sacred and holy journey with Jesus to the cross in the days ahead.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, March 24: 6 pm

Good Friday, March 25: 7 pm

Maundy (which means Holy) Thursday is March 24. On this day we remember the Passover Supper, also known as the Seder Meal. Jesus gathered with his disciples to share in the Seder the day before he died. This year we are blessed to have Len Robinson, president of Temple Emanuel, to lead us in an authentic Jewish Seder. Please call to reserve a place at the table.

Good Friday worship begins at 7 pm, March 25. During this service, we remember the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus Christ.

Lent concludes with the Triduum, or three days of prayer which begins the evening of Maundy Thursday, includes the death and burial on Good Friday, and concludes on with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our Easter services are at 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am. The youth will be providing a breakfast from 8 am - 11 am.

May God bless your journey of faith.

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

United Methodist Women 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.

Upcoming Faith Formation Classes

Mar 20 - Chapter 9 of Tattoos on the Heart, Mar 27 - No class, Due to Easter, April 3 - VCI Extravagant Generosity (Heinz Herzog)

On April 10th, we will begin a 6 week study centered around the book of Ecclesiastes. The Teacher in Ecclesiastes offers us many important and hard truths about life. You have probably heard the Teacher's haunting line about everything being meaningless or that there is a time for all things under heaven (cue the Byrds' song, Turn! Turn! Turn). This book is hard and explores the darker side of life and spirituality. This book is for those who are tired of half truths and idealized depictions of life. This book is brief, bold, and lands heavy on lament. After all of this, heavy but necessary work, the Teacher ends with urging their readers to fear God and keep God's commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Please join us as we seek to better know God, ourselves, and our neighbors with the help of the Teacher in Ecclesiastes. For more information contact Anna Spencer.

Maundy Thursday 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 in the Narthex, by calling the office (616.988.6738), or emailing Tabi (tabi@wesleypark.org) to RSVP. It will be a truly meaningful experience for everyone who attends.

Dates to Remember

- ☆ Seder Meal: **March 24 6pm** RSVP on your communication card or by emailing the office at tabi@wesleypark.org
- ☆ Good Friday service: **March 25 7pm**
- ☆ 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.*

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. The funds for this fund raiser will be going for youth ministries this month. This all-church fund raiser is the fourth Monday of each month.

Good Sam Fund

Wesley Park is a loving Christian community. It is important that we remember the Good Sam Fund is not in the budget. It relies on each of us to be mindful of those in need. Your check can be written to Wesley Park with Good Sam marked on the envelope or written on the memo line on your check. The Good Sam Fund provides for the Food Truck, our connection with Access of West Michigan, and all the help we can provide for people in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry Shares

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$5471

(10 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$46062

(42 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$185**

Prayers

- **Jason Bouchard** - Please pray that my dad gets here safe. He's taking me to surgery this week. Please pray the surgery goes well. Thankful the last surgery went well.
- **Freddi Angus** - Thanks to our youth for a "beautiful evening". Thanks to our youth leaders too. Awesome.
- **Sallie McLean** - Prayers for, Dori, who is resting at home today.
- **Steve Bravata** - Pastor Dean, you are so loved. This entire service was the most emotionally beautiful one I ever experienced. I could have cried tears of comfort and joy through it all. I'm not even sure I blinked. So thankful for your love for us. God truly blessed us with you. Peace, brother.
- **Toni Pullen** - Thank you to the youth and everyone else who worked to make the mystery dinner theater a wonderful evening.
- **Ron & Delores Sanford** - Thank you, Judy, for your service to the church and a blessed future.
- **Pat Beadle** - Thanks to everyone involved with the youth's "mystery dinner". It was a great way to spend a Saturday evening.
- **Jan & Richard Kutschinski** - We want to thank, Bill Schick, for taking care of our dog while Jan was at chemo.
- **Keith & Pat Warren** - Choir, that was beautiful. Thanks, Phil.
- **Linda Carter** - Please pray for me as I have an eye test Tuesday. Thank you.
- **Al Pittenger** - Prayers for Tom & Ruth Noble for the loss of their nephew and for safe travels over the next 5 weeks.
- **Peg Pittenger** - Thank you, Judy, for all of the beautiful music you have blessed us with over your time at Wesley Park; especially the prelude today, "My Tribute", which is my favorite!
- **Shirley Diedericks** - Please continue to pray for, Don, my husband. He is still having a lot of pain. Thank you. God is so good all the time.
- **Esther Fernandez** - Phil, you sing so good. Thank you for all you do. Please pray for all the people of the world. Pray for our country. Pray for my niece, Becky. She has bad health issues and can not find out what she has.
- **Suzanne Elliott** - Zimmer misses seeing you all. Illness and weekends with his father have precluded his attendance. We'll both see you soon. Many blessings.

Prayers

- **Gibbard Family** - Prayers of healing for Max recovering from Shingles and experiencing significant nerve pain.
- **Pat & Kathy Carruthers** - Well done youth group students and adults! Watching you use the talents and gifts that God gave is a huge blessing to me. Thank you for a "killer" performance. (50's kind of kill).
- **Steve & Pam Bravata** - Please pray for Carter, our grandson for healing. He fell from tree and broke his leg in two places. Also, for up coming test for Steve. Thank you!
- **Lynda Edsall** - Pray God's blessings on my daughter Catie and her new husband, Alec Schmitt. He is in the Navy and they got married Friday the 11th of March. Praise be to God.
- **Nancy Carpenter** - Youth dinner theater was SO FUN! Thanks to the youth and leaders for a great night.
- **Prayers:** Prayers for Hannah Steenhagen, Ben Peterson, Warren Sleesman, Bill VanDalsen, Jack Boyer, Karin Drost, Jan Kutschinski, Rev. Myron Williams, Bev

Combined Choir Concert

Save the date! One 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.

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.

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

Men's Softball "A" team

Hitting, throwing and running - we call it softball. We are looking for a 'FEW GOOD MEN'! If you can commit some Thursday evenings this summer to have fun, fellowship with other area church softball teams and throw a softball - at least a few yards - then we need you. Games are played at Orchard Hill Church in Walker. Interested? Contact Larry Harr at firstshirt.lh@gmail.com or 616.291.3927 no later than April 18. Season starts May 5!!!

A Huge Thank You!

On Saturday, March 12, the youth filled the FLC with 170 family and friends for the grand opening of Mike's 50's Cafe. It shows the support the kids have from our church family. The kids want to thank everyone for coming and making it a successful fundraiser! We had a wonderful evening of good food, a lot of laughing and a little bit of mystery. We hope everyone had a good time and we look forward to seeing everyone for next years dinner.

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) if you are interested.

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.

VCI Home Team Meets April 3 at 10 am

Please plan to meet in the Family Life Center to learn more about what the Road Team is learning with Vital Church Initiative. The focus during this session will be on Extravagant Generosity.

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