

Date	Event	Birthday	Anniversary
Monday, March 25		Steve Hitch	
Tuesday, March 26	UMW, 6:30 PM	Janel Folkert Elaine Weaver Elizabeth Young	
Wednesday, March 27	Women's Prayer Group, 10 AM Community Dinner, 5:30 PM Lenten Study, 6:30 PM Youth Group, 6:30 PM Square Dance, 6:45 PM		
Thursday, March 28	Praise Team!, 5 PM Chancel Choir, 6:30 PM	Pam Bravata	Tom & Mary Mingledorff
Friday, March 29	Craft Day, 6 PM	John Babb Joan Boyd Madeline Brooks Samantha Brooks	
Saturday, March 30	Craft Day, 9 AM	Diane Ellens James Halstead	
Sunday, March 31	Worship Celebration, 10 AM Potluck, 11 AM		

Ministry Share Update

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Paid To Date:
\$5,531

Remaining Balance Needed:
\$41,491

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Wesley Park Weekly

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Pastor's Page

1869: 8 women

Today: 800,000 members

United Methodist Women inherits the vision and toil of women's missionary societies of eight denominations since 1869. Its 150-year legacy started when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India.

Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons." There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and in society.

In 1869, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India, were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of eight women in Boston. Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work.

The women who were present called another meeting of women, wrote a constitution, and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain to India.

Ms. Thoburn began a school with six young girls in Lucknow. This school expanded to include Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical work, resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India.

In 1875, Lizzie Hoffman was instrumental in forming the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church. After spending one night praying, she was convinced that the women of the church should be organized for special mission work. Sierra Leone, in Africa, was the first country to which missionaries were sent.

The Ladies Aid Societies, which had existed for many years, were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940s. Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of The United Methodist Church.

"Our work is not just about service, it's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up making our voices heard," she said. "We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world because it will positively impact the lives of women, children and youth."

Rosie Martin

The Prayers of Our Hearts

- ❖ **Val Rienks** - Prayers that my mammogram and follow up with surgeon on Tuesday (3/19) goes well. Uncle Darrell Fowler has to see a dermatologist for a lump on his head and treatment. He also is recovering from a heart stint surgery he had recently.
- ❖ **Judy Wilson** - Prayers for grandson, Timmy, for much guidance.
- ❖ **Ken & Linda McKenney** - Prayers for our son, Scott, as he deals with issues. Trust, hope, and faith in God.
- ❖ **Chuck Johnson** - Prayers for good friend, Dan. He had a heart attack a week ago and a double bypass.
- ❖ **Joan Boyd** - Thanks be to God! I'm going to be a great-great grandma in July.
- ❖ **Karen McCarty** - Prayers that everything is going ok when I see the heart specialist tomorrow (3/18).
- ❖ **Janice Thompson** - Prayers for my friend, Fran, who has breast cancer.
- ❖ **Esther Fernandez** - Thank you Pastor Dean for your message. Faith, hope, and love. The greatest of these is love. Pray for this country. Pray for the world.
- ❖ **Ron Thompson** - Prayers for Mae Baker as she has out patient surgery Wednesday (3/20) afternoon.
- ❖ **Dolores Sanford** - Prayers for Ron as he has problems with cancer medicine.
- ❖ **Gary & Deb Hodges** - Please keep our grandson, Jayden, in prayer. His dear friend, Derynn, took her won life last week and we are all devastated.
- ❖ **Susan Kaminski** - Beautiful thoughts on the Pastors Page. Prayers for my daughter's puppy. She ate a sock and has had 2 surgeries and respiratory infection. She needs 48 more hours to survive.

Wesley Park Men's Softball 2019 Season

The 2019 season starts in May! Join our Wesley Park UMC Men's Softball. AKA The 'A' Team. If you can commit Thursday evenings this summer to have fun and join in fellowship with other area church softball team, then we have a place for you. Join us for some exercise, fun, and laughs!!! 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 18th. First game is May 2nd!

Heifer International

Heifer International strengthens livelihoods by providing the tools to provide for themselves and their families and the knowledge to use agriculture and livestock to benefit the land and heal the environment. The Heifer Peace Pole is located on the desk in the Welcome Center to receive gifts of quarters to help End Hunger and Poverty and Care for the Earth. Learn more at heifer.org.

Craft Day(s)

Do you like to knit, crochet, scrap book, stamp, sew, quilt, woodworking or that is not mentioned? Or just hang out with others? The last Friday (6pm-10pm) and Saturday (9am-3pm) of each month thru April, come to church and work on your crafts. Let us know what you need for tables and/or chairs. We just ask for a donation to help heat and pay for the electricity while we are here. Bring an extension cord if you need it. Lunch is not provided, so bring a sack lunch or order in. You can bring a snack to share, but this is optional. You can register at <https://goo.gl/forms/6vEFrmQB9nywJPRi2>. See you on the 29th and 30th. Bring a friend or two. The more the merrier.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will meet in **Fellowship Hall** at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 26. Note change of meeting location. The program will be a DVD United Methodist Women A 150-Year Legacy of Giving Our All . All women are invited to come and learn more about the work of United Methodist Women.

Bus Trip 2019

This years bus trip is heading to New York City! The trip is September 26 - October 2. Cost is \$699 per person. Contact Carolyn DuBuis if you would like more information or to reserve yours spot.