

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 26	Florentines, 4 pm Young Adult Group, 7 pm	Janel Folkert Elaine Weaver Elizabeth Young	
Tuesday, March 27	Praise Team!, 5 pm UMW, 6:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm		
Wednesday, March 28	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm	Pam Bravata	Tom & Mary Mingledorff
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm	John Babb Joan Boyd Madeline Brooks Samantha Brooks	
Friday, March 30	Good Friday Service, 7 pm	Diane Ellens	
Saturday, March 31			
Sunday, April 1	Easter Breakfast, 7:30 am Foundations Service, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT, 11 am		

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

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(11 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$

(41 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: \$

### Piano/Awning Collection Update

Entrance Awning: \$

Yamaha Piano: \$



# Wesley Park Weekly

March 25, 2018

## Pastor's Page

Holy Week begins today and leads us prayerfully into Easter. During Holy Week we focus intensely on the arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus Christ. And, we prepare our hearts for the glorious rising on Easter Sunday.

Thursday, March 29, 7 pm is Maundy Thursday. Maundy is Latin for Holy, and this time of worship recalls the Last Supper and the ways Jesus prepared his followers to carry on a life of servanthood. We will worship in the sanctuary.

Friday, March 30, 7 pm is Good Friday. The chancel choir has prepared powerful anthems to offer up as prayer during our worship in the sanctuary. As this is the retelling of the suffering and violent death of Christ, some may wonder why it is called "Good" Friday. The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship says this: The source of our term for the Friday before Easter, "Good Friday," is not clear. It may be a corruption of the English phrase "God's Friday," according to Professor Laurence Hull Stookey in Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church (p. 96). It is the common name for the day among English- and Dutch-speaking people. It is a day that proclaims God's purpose of loving and redeeming the world through the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a day that is good because God was drawing the world to God's self in Christ. As seen in John's gospel, particularly, God was in control. God was not making the best of a bad situation, but was working out God's intention for the world – winning salvation for all people. We call it "good" because we look backward at the crucifixion through the lens of Easter!

On Easter morning, I will be at the church at 7 am for any who wish to gather in prayer and thanksgiving at the rising of the Son. An Easter Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30 until 11 am, hosted by the youth. Our Easter Celebration at 9:15 am will be in our Sanctuary. And, we will launch a new time of worship at 11 am: IMPACT Worship and Service. Share the news with everyone you meet. All are welcome here.

*Ros Deane*

## 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 18th communication cards...*

**Dorie DeCommer** - Please pray that my caregiver, Stephanie, gets a second job.

**Maynard Culver** - Why, O Lord is there so much hate?

**Marilyn Knapp** - Thanks to all who helped and participated in our Hymn Sing. We gathered with Pauline Shinn in gratitude to God for her love of our rich hymns and for her musical gifts.

**Esther Fernandez** - Thank you, Pastor Dean. I love you. Please pray for Lucy, Alex, Michael, and baby Mira!

**Ann Bellgraph** - My granddaughter, Amanda Barnes Nash, had a baby boy Wednesday. They named him Colton Zane. His big brother, Kyle, is thrilled.

**Aaron Carruthers** - Prayers for my friend, Brendan, who hit his head really hard. I pray that he gets a great recovery because he is an awesome friend.

**Jackie Matson** - Wonderful sermon, Dean!

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Thank you Dean. Our message on LOVE was wonderful.

**Chuck & Sally Dear** - Wonderful and moving sermon. Thank you, Dean.

**Jessica Schick** - Great job, choir!

**Val Rienks** - I had a clean mammogram. I am all set until next year. Still job searching. My Microsoft class is going well. I got 100 on my PowerPoint project.

**Sallie McLean** - Please pray for Linda, who needs peace with Edna. There is a conflict between them and it even gets physical.

**Carolyn DuBuis** - Today is move in day! Please pray that things go well and I can give my grandson a safe home with all the care he needs.

**Kristen Brink** - Please pray for safe travels as my parents travel home from Mexico.

**Maddy Brink** - Please pray that my Nana and Papa come home safe from their 3 week trip. They come back today.

**Barb Schondelmayer** - Pastor Dean, your message was so spiritual and meaningful.

**Lynda Edsall** - Prayers for Jim DeGraff. He has battled so many health issues and now he fell and broke his leg. Prayers for healing. Prayers for my son-in-law, Paul Ingles, who has serious back issues.

**Chuck Johnson** - Prayers for friends with PTSD.

**Barb DeCan** - Prayers for team members at work. There are a couple of people who are not nice to others and it makes for a very uncomfortable environment. Prayers for Kara as she pursues a job elsewhere.

**John & Kathy Challa** - So very happy to be back at my wonderful church!

**Ava Kropp** - I pray for my Uncle Danny. Today my mom said that he might not wake up today and it was sad.

**Freddi Angus** - It was a wonderful family visit to Canada for me. God is amazing. Good to be home.

## Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner is tomorrow from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Florentines. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$4/child (11 and under). 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.

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet in the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. All women are invited to attend. Childcare is provided.

## Wesley Park Rummage Sale

The sale will be Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm and will benefit the 2018 youth mission trip. You can start bringing your items April 8th. 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.

## New Bible Study

**Bible Study at Cindy Lang's.** Workshop video by Robyn Dykstra, "**Journey to Trust**", starting **Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** If you would like to join us or want more information, please call Cindy at (616) 822-9679





