

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.

Wesley Park United Methodist Church
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9:30 am Worship Helpers:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Ron & Dolores Sanford, Pat Warren, and Harry Blauwiekel
- ☀ **Ushers:** Bob Williams, Dennis Strong, Jim Gustafson, and Sheryl Jones
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Allie Schick and Dakota Acosta
- ☀ **Liturgist:** Erin Vanderlaan
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Max Gibbard
- ☀ **Nursery:** Jessica Hughes
- ☀ **Child Advocate:** Skyler Maitner
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Joanne Gustafson and Tena Podein
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Erin Vanderlaan, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Adrienne Prentiss, and Keith Warren

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Tabi Fischer**, Office Manager, tabi@wesleypark.org
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- ⊠ **Eric Terry**, Youth Director, eterry@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director, sara@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Rostyn Properties**, Custodial Services
- ⊠ **CCLI**, #860995



Wesley Park Weekly

March 26, 2017

Growing a Memorial Garden

During the season of Lent, we are encouraging a conversation about the garden next to the sanctuary. Could this become a Memorial Garden, set aside as a sacred space to remember those who have died, and to be a reminder of the promise of resurrection and life?

Glen Haight is a member of Wesley Park, and an accomplished teacher and builder. Glen has been studying what it would take to build a columbarium in the garden. A columbarium is a structure dedicated to the secure and sacred placement of cremains (ashes). Columbarium's come in all shapes and sizes. Some are inside, others are outside. Some are simple, others are ornate. But all are designed to be reverent and holy places of remembrance. Glen has offered to design and build a columbarium at Wesley Park, at no charge to the church, to be located in the garden. The compartments that hold the ashes, called niches, would be reserved at a particular cost. Policies would be developed that would answer pending questions. City and state laws and ordinances would be reviewed and followed. The details are being developed with our Board of Trustees and would be reviewed and approved by our church Council. Information describing the proposal is located at the Welcome Desk. Please stop by and take a look and share your thoughts. At this time, I encourage your thoughts and prayers. If you have questions or comments, please email the church office or speak with Tabi, who will pass your feedback onto the Trustees.

May you have a holy season of Lent. Let us be in prayer for one another and the world, and intentionally care for those who are in need.

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Prayers

Sallie McLean - Prayers for the staff at Metron.

Myrtle Parrish - Great job youth group!

Darlene Pinder - Saturday night was a great blessing! I've done the tapping before - great!

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Thank you to Adrienne for sharing.

Nancy Carpenter - Praying for Maynard Culver. We will all miss Jean.

Freddi Angus - Thanks to all the youth, leaders, parents, and helpers. Saturday dinner theater was awesome! Prayers for my neighbor, Laurie, on the passing of her mom yesterday.

Carolyn DuBuis - Safe travels for my daughter-in-law as she goes to Germany.

Jillian Fischer - I pray for everyone!!!

Val Rienks - I had a mammogram and ultrasound. The breast biopsy turned into a positive result. I talk to the surgeon Monday at 3:15pm.

Paula Pawloski - My husband, Fred, who lives at Medilodge now has suffered badly from his cluster headaches this week. Please pray for relief for him. Thanks!

Lynda Edsall - Beautiful Music everyone! Prayers for Clara Vanderlaan as she battles cancer.

Brian & Judy Hepp - Please pray for healing of our fur baby (dog), Izzie. She is not eating and the vet is not sure what is wrong. Thanks!

Esther Fernandez - Please pray for my nephew, Sandy. He is in the hospital in Cuba. The youth and leaders did a great job with the mystery dinner and play. thank you Laura for the great dinner. Sara and Al, you did a great job and it was a beautiful song.

Marilyn Knapp - My friend, Esther, in Peru is hoping to soon finish writing her Quechua Bible course for non-readers so it can be published.

Fellowship Time

We want to continue enjoying coffee, cookies, and juice for everyone in between worship and Faith Formation hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help. Sign up at the Welcome Desk for a family, small group, or just a group of friends 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.

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 27	Staff Meeting, 1 pm Florentines, 4 pm Estate Planning, 6 pm		
Tuesday, March 28	UMW, 6 pm	Pam Bravata	Tom & Mary Mingledorff
Wednesday, March 29	Women's Prayer, 10 am Dinner, 5:30 pm Youth, 6:00 pm Book Study, 6:30 pm	Joan Boyd Madeline Brooks Samantha Brooks	
Thursday, March 30	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish Class, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Diane Ellens James Halstead Jeff Oesch	
Sunday, April 2	Worship, 9:30 am Faith Formation, 11:00 am	Tom Mingledorff	

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

The Schedule for Lent

- **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

EasyTithe Giving Option

Have you tried EasyTithe? Control how you give, when you give, and what you give. Make an offering to God, from your smartphone! Download the app, then search for Wesley Park. You can scan the QR code below to find the free app.



EasyTithe Apple iTunes



EasyTithe Google Play

Free Estate Planning Workshop

Wesley Park will be hosting a free estate planning workshop Monday, March 27 from 6 pm-8 pm. 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.

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.

Wesley Park Rummage Sale

Now that spring has officially begun, we can start thinking about the spring rummage sale to benefit the 2017 mission trip. The sale to help the youth will be Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. We will start accepting donations soon, so start that spring cleaning. Reminder, we take anything! We can pick up anything that needs a truck and trailer on Friday, April 28. Call or text Eric at 616-446-7679 or email at eterry@wesleypark.org if you need a pick-up. Please spread the word Much love and thanks! The Wesley Park Youth

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$7,151
(12 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$44,161
(41 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$115**

Wednesday Night Dinners

For the season of Lent, That Polish Girl Catering will be serving up some delicious dinners from 5:30 pm-6:15 pm 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: Butternut Squash Soup, Salad, Bread, Hotdogs, Dessert, and Beverages.

Family Promise Host Week

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will be the week of April 16, 2017. Our guests move in on Easter Sunday. It takes many hands to make each Family Promise week work. Please prayerfully consider donating some time to our guests. The Signup Genius site is now up and running. To sign up online, please use the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/lhns3j>

Kelly Olsen and Mary Ann Keyes will be at the Welcome Desk between service and Faith Formation each Sunday if you need assistance.

From the Youth Group

The youth group and youth leaders would like to thank everyone who helped with the Dinner Theater production last weekend. We could not have done it without you all! Thank you to all the friends and family that attended the event. You all helped make it the largest fundraiser to date!

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).

Heifer Peace Pole

Throughout the season of Lent we will fill the "Peace Pole" with quarters to help Heifer International end hunger and poverty for families around the world. When the pole is full, it will hold over \$120, enough to purchase a sheep, pig, or goat. The Peace Pole is at the Welcome Desk. You can also talk to Nancy Spalenka if you have any questions.

Wesley Park UMC Men's Softball

The 2017 Softball Season is 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 or 616-291-3927 no later than April 18. Must be 14 years old or older. Season starts in May!

Worship Video Update

The new sanctuary video projector, video camera, and video screen have arrived and will be installed in the near future. The Board of Trustees explored many options for our video projection and are confident the new setup will help to amplify worship for all. If you are interested in being a part of our Video Ministry Team, please let the office know. We are looking for a team of creative visual artists who can work with the pastor and worship design team to produce video that will enhance the message, and coordinate the streaming and sharing of worship and faith stories with others. Our worship services have been viewed by an average of 40 people online each week. Once our new equipment is in place, worship streaming will be greatly improved to reach out to even more people with the Gospel as we seek to build a Christian community with all people.