

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, March 28	Florentine's Fund Raiser	Pam Bravata	Tom & Mary Mingledorff
Tuesday, March 29	Praise Team, 7 pm	John Babb Joan Boyd	
Wednesday, March 30	Prayer Group, 10 am Dinner, 5:30 pm Disciple Bible 6:15 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Diane Ellens James Halstead Jeff Oesch Peggy Sonke	
Thursday, March 31	Chancel Choir, 7 pm Baton, 5:30 pm		
Saturday, April 2		Tom Mingledorff	
Sunday, April 3	Worship, 9 am VCI Home Team, 10 am Worship, 11am	Abi Steenhagen	

Ministering Today	9 am Worship	11 am Worship
Greeters	Kathy DenHollander, Pat Warren, Tony McCarty	Lynda Edsall, Paula Hartley
Acolyte	Hadley Urrutia	Angel Nadar
Ushers	Bob Williams, Chuck Dear, Jim Gustafson, Sheryl Jones	Charlie Swanson, Lynda Edsall
Musicians	Liz Montcastle	Phil Pletcher, Dan Ricksgers, Paula Hartley, Erin Vanderlaan, Jerry Seim
Sound Tech	Dan Scribner	Pat Carruthers
Video Tech	Max Gibbard	Nancy Carpenter
Nursery	Janice Starnes, Alex Fischer	Phyllis Prentiss, Sara Kropp



Wesley Park

March 27, 2016

I Have Seen the Lord!

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."
John 20:18

Isn't that a marvelous sentence in the Gospel of John? I have seen the Lord! Through tears of sorrow, and tears of joy, Mary experienced the presence of the Risen Savior. And so can you! When you enter into the grace and love of Jesus, you will experience Christ more than you could ever have imagined: in times of crises... In the silence of the night... In the newness of each day... In opportunities to give and receive compassion. Jesus is present and alive and goes before us.

I invite you to explore the power of the resurrection. Next week begins a five-week series called, **The Rising**. We will look at what happens when doubts arise, and ultimately what God wants us to do. We will explore what it means to go from death into life, the power of heavenly visions, and the promise of Holy Baptism. **The Rising** is a challenge, a promise, and full of new possibilities.

Today, I pray that you will rejoice! Give thanks that Jesus has triumphed over death and greets us with the words of life, "Peace be with you."

If you feel a call to become a member of Wesley Park United Methodist Church, or if you have never been baptized and are ready to ask questions or begin your journey of faith, please mark your communication card. Our next Membership Classes are April 10, 17, and 24 at 10 am downstairs in the Pastor's Study.

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Upcoming 10 am Faith Formation Classes

April 3 - Vital Church Initiative: Extravagant Generosity (Heinz Herzog)

On April 10th, we will begin a six-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.

Help Youth Spread Love

1. Easter Breakfast is being served by the youth today from 8 - 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. This is a free will offering event for the youth mission trip this summer. Giving envelopes are available in the Family Life Center. Please come join us for a fabulous breakfast after and between services!
2. Spring Rummage Sale is Saturday, April 16th! Please bring all rummage items to the youth rooms between now and the sale!! Friday the 15th in the evening, items can be brought to the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center! Let us know if you need items transported by trailer!

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 church a home. We need your help! Please sign up on www.signupgenius.com or call the office.

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.

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. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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!

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$5,674

(11 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$45,859

(41 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$203**

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