

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:** John & Kathy Challa, Heinz Herzog
- ☼ **Ushers:** Max & Gail Gibbard, Lynda Edsall, and Charlie Swanson
- ☼ **Acolytes:** Ava Kropp and Madeline Brink
- ☼ **Liturgist:** Jennifer Schick
- ☼ **Sound Tech:** Anna Spencer
- ☼ **Nursery:** Sheryl Jones
- ☼ **Child Advocate:** Skyler Maitner
- ☼ **Welcome Desk:** Joanne Gustafson and Kellie O'Connor
- ☼ **Actors:** Allie and Joey Schick
- ☼ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Erin Vanderlaan, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Adrienne Prentiss, and Ava Kropp

- ☼ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
- ☼ **Tabi Fischer**, Office Manager, tabi@wesleypark.org
- ☼ **Al Pittenger**, Treasurer, apittenger@wesleypark.org
- ☼ **Anna Spencer**, Faith Formation Director, aspencer@wesleypark.org
- ☼ **Eric Terry**, Youth Director, eterry@wesleypark.org
- ☼ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director, sara@wesleypark.org
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- ☼ **CCLI**, #860995



# Wesley Park Weekly

April 2, 2017

## Growing a Memorial Garden

The Lenten season culminates with Holy Week, beginning next week on Palm Sunday. The lessons of Holy Week help us to understand the depth and breadth of God's Easter Love.

- ☼ Next Sunday, April 9, the children sing with the chancel choir and praise team as they help us all to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.
- ☼ Maundy Thursday, April 13, we gather for worship at 7 pm to remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and calling all of us to serve one another. On Maundy Thursday we will celebrate Holy Communion together.
- ☼ Good Friday, April 14, is the telling of the Passion Narrative. This is the day we remember when Jesus gave up his life so that all the world could live. Jesus is tried, convicted, crucified, and buried.
- ☼ Easter Sunrise, April 16, begins at 7 am with the appearance of the risen Savior in the garden. Come and meet the rising sun as we celebrate the Risen Son!
- ☼ The youth group is hosting an Easter morning free-will offering breakfast, from 8 am until 11 am. What a wonderful way to begin this wonderful day!
- ☼ The Easter Celebration continues at 9:30 with a glorious day of worship, as we rejoice in the life that comes from God's love in Jesus Christ!

Invite your family and community to all of these times of worship and reflection. May your Holy Week and Day of Resurrection be blessed!

*Rev. Dean N. Prentiss*

**Susan Kaminski** - Please pray for safe travels for my stepson, Ryan Kaminski, as he travels home from Uganda for a 10 day visit.

**Earl & Sally Morrow** - Please pray for Peg Kerby as she awaits test results.

**Bill Kerby** - Please pray for my wife, Peg, as we await biopsy results.

**Val Rienks** - I have a lumpectomy scheduled for Monday, March 27 at 8:30am. It is outpatient and I will be home in the afternoon.

**John & Kathy Challa** - Jesus, thank you for our wonderful friends at Wesley Park! God is good, all the time.

**Sallie McLean** - Thank you Anna for visiting us this week.

**Dorie DeCommer** - I pray I don't have a stroke any more. I also pray for my son, daughter, and granddaughter.

**Freddi Angus** - Pray for a fast recovery for Nancy Chambers. This was a sad song, but very well done Dean. It was very heart felt.

**Gary & Deb Hodges** - Prayers for Maynard Culver, Val Rienks, and Peg Kerby.

**Steve & Pam Bravata** - Thank you, the love of people make a difference. God bless you all!

**Ava Kropp** - Welcome back Liz.

**Myrtle Hartzog** - Very good service.

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Thank you for the wonderful message today.

**Tom & Ruth Noble** - Continued prayers for Sherry as she battles with cancer. Prayers also for Dave.

**Linda Carter** - Please keep me in prayers. My glaucoma is getting worse.

**Mike & Jill Beck** - Welcome back Liz!

**Esther Fernandez** - Please continue praying for my nephew, Sandy, in Cuba. He had surgery on Saturday. They removed his spleen and his blood count is now 6. Prayers for him to be able to travel back to the US. He is 20 years old and is going through so much. My sister, Rachel, is his grandma. Thank you Lord for all your blessings. You are such a loving church family. Thank you.

**Mary Mingledorff** - Please pray for Tom's brother, Eric Mingledorff, as he has heart surgery on Wednesday.

**Jackie Matson** - Prayers for my grandson, T.J.

**Greg Lawton** - Prayers for the students at GVSU in the Wesley Fellowship. Our ministry is undergoing a radical transformation in response to our financial condition. Prayers for the emergencies of a holy and life-changing ministry.

**Pat Johnson** - Welcome back Liz.

**Gail Gibbard** - Prayers for my brother, Tom, who is having prostate surgery soon.

**Jan & Doug McCreery** - Please pray for Julia who is fighting cancer and has a bad infection. She is currently in the hospital. Prayers also for our grandson, Grant, who has a rare condition where he cannot process protein.

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, April 3	Trustees, 6:30 pm	Abigail Steenhagen	
Tuesday, April 4		Bonnie Wheeler	
Wednesday, April 5	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Jennifer Schick	
Thursday, April 6	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish Class, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Alyssa Espinoza Gordon Spalenka	
Friday, April 7	Freddi's Angels, 6:30 pm	Kathy DenHollander	Steve & Eileen Hitch
Saturday, April 8		Daniel Bowen Allie Schick Mary Wolfert	
Sunday, April 9	Worship, 9:30 am Faith Formation, 11:00 am Staff Meeting, noon	Nate Harr	

## 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](mailto:eterry@wesleypark.org) if you need a pick-up. Please spread the word. Much love and thanks! The Wesley Park Youth

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