

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:** Freddi Angus, Betty Stoutjesdyk, Nancy Chambers
- ☼ **Ushers:** Dennis Strong, Ken & Linda McKenney, Lynda Edsall
- ☼ **Acolytes:** Allie Schick and Allison Kinney
- ☼ **Liturgist:** Alex Fischer
- ☼ **Sound Tech:** Matthias and Kyran Vieau
- ☼ **Nursery:** Zorah Vieau
- ☼ **Child Advocate:** Skyler Maitner
- ☼ **Welcome Desk:** Duane Volkers and Tabi Fischer
- ☼ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Erin Vanderlaan, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Adrienne Prentiss, Liz Montcastle, Al Pittenger, and Eric Olsen

- ⊗ **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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Wesley Park Weekly

April 9, 2017

Growing a Memorial Garden

What is the Sunday before Easter called?

- A. Passion Sunday
- B. Palm Sunday
- C. A and B
- D. Resurrection Sunday

What is Palm Sunday?

- A. The day Jesus died on the cross
- B. The day Jesus was resurrected
- C. The day Jesus was condemned to death
- D. The day Jesus entered Jerusalem

Why is Palm Sunday called Palm Sunday?

- A. Jesus wore palms on his garments
- B. There were palm trees surrounding Jesus' path into Jerusalem
- C. People welcoming Jesus spread palm fronds in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem
- D. Those welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem wore palm fronds in their hair

What happens to the palms after Palm Sunday?

- A. They are thrown away
- B. Parishioners take them home
- C. They are kept safe and returned to the church the next Lenten season to be burned and used for ashes during Ash Wednesday
- D. B and C

Remember the services this week include: Maundy Thursday, 7 pm; Good Friday, 7 pm; Easter Sunrise, 7 am; Easter Celebration, 9:30 am; Easter Breakfast, 8 - 11 am

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Prayers

Nancy Carpenter - Prayers for Ronnie Watson who had a heart attack yesterday. Sara and choir, thank you for the beautiful song. The children added so much meaning. Great job on your solo, Ava.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Yes Lord, I believe.

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

Kathy DenHollander - Travel prayers for me as I go to Kansas City. Blessings that I will be with my family and friends for a special birthday. Prayers for my friend, Kathy, as her Parkinson's worsens and she lives alone.

Gary & Deb Hodges - Beautiful music today! Thankful for all the musicians.

Jan McCreery - Prayers for the Threalt family whose son was killed on his moped. Prayers also for Julia who has cancer and low white count.

Ava Kropp - I pray for people who have cancer and can not grow hair. I donated my hair to Locks of Love for that reason and it won't take forever for my hair to grow back.

John & Kathy Challa - Ava, such a beautiful job... just like your mother. Great job choir.

Brian & Judy Hepp - Prayers for my mother in Florida who was just diagnosed with lip cancer. Continued prayers for Issie, Scott, Jess, and Eli.

Tena Podein - Prayer of comfort for my son, Matt. Prayers of wisdom from Jesus through me to those in need. I might have the blessing to comfort in Jesus name.

Jillian Fischer - I pray for everyone. I love God. You sounded really good, Ava.

Val Rienks - Praise! Surgery went well. The results were that the cancer was limited to my lump. They didn't find anything in my lymph nodes. I have to follow up with the surgeon Wednesday, April 5 and meet with the oncology team on Thursday, April 6. Please continue to pray for me as I go through this process.

Marilyn Knapp - Monday evening a group of us will sing hymns with Pauline Shinn in Crystal Springs Home. We pray she'll be encouraged and blessed.

Esther Fernandez - My nephew, Sandy, is in stable condition. He is still in Cuba. Continue the praying please. Pray for our children and teenagers all over the world. Thank you for all your prayers. Ava, Joey, and Allie were great. I love it when you sing Ava.

Linda Hagan - Please pray for the next stage of our new house which is the framing. It will begin Monday (April 3). Thank you Pastor Dean for reminding me.

Annette Jeltema - God is so good!!

Marlow Jeltema - God will smile upon every single one of us. Everyone will thank God and Jesus for what they did for us.

Peg Kerby - Just wanted to express my appreciation to everyone for your love, prayers, and cards as I continue on this journey of medical issues.

Tabi Fischer - Prayers for Alex as she begins the PT and OT process of healing from her concussion.

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, April 10	Basketball, 5:45 am Finance, 6 pm	Heinz Herzog	Brian & Judy Hepp
Tuesday, April 11		Marilyn Knapp Jim Willmer	
Wednesday, April 12	Basketball, 5:45 am Women's Prayer, 10 am Dinner, 5:30 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	Cindy Rice Al Van Essen Tonya Seim	Alfredo & Esther Fernandez
Thursday, April 13	Knitting Group, 10 am Congregational Care, 2 pm Worship Service, 7 pm	Artie Howland	
Friday, April 14	Basketball, 5:45 am Worship Service, 7 pm		
Saturday, April 15		Kodey Howland Sarah Mitchell	
Sunday, April 16	Sunrise Service, 7 am Easter Breakfast, 8 am Worship, 9:30 am Guests Arrive, 3 pm	Rachel Gibbard Doug McCreery	

Fellowship Time

Let us continue enjoying coffee, cookies, and juice for everyone in between worship and the Faith Formation hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help at the Welcome Desk to supply the cookies and juice for a Sunday. If you have any questions feel free to contact the office or talk to Tabi or Anna.

Family Promise Host Week

Family Promise week is almost upon us. Our guests move in next Sunday, April 16. There are some volunteer slots still left unfilled. Please prayerfully consider donating some food, cook and/or serve dinner, or just spend some time with our guests. 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 today between service and Faith Formation if you need assistance.

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. Start bringing your things in and place them in the Youth room downstairs (the one past Dean's office) 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:

\$8,526

(14 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$42,786

(39 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$603**

Heifer Peace Pole

Baaaa! We have reached our goal of \$120 to purchase a sheep with 2 weeks left to go! We have already started filling it up again. If you have an extra quarter, please give it to a child to add to the Heifer Peace Pole. Let's see if we can purchase another sheep by Easter.

Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, April 24 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 Youth Group.

Blood Pressure Checks

Anna Rabine will be holding blood pressure checks in the Family Life Center after service today. She will be there from 10:30 am until 11:30 am. Stop by to have coffee, a cookie, and your blood pressure checked.

Looking ahead

After the winter hiatus for the Senior Saints lunches; they will be starting back up this month. They will be meeting at noon in the Family Life Center on April 18. Mark your communication card "Senior Saints Lunch" if you plan on attending. If you have any questions feel free to talk to Sheryl Jones after service.

Wesley Park UMC Men's Softball

The 2017 Softball Season is Weeks Away! Join your Wesley Park UMC Men's Softball 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!

It's Basketball Time

Want to get in shape? Want to play basketball in a no-pressure environment? Come join Eric Terry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 5:45 - 7:00 a.m. starting on April 10th through June 14th. We will play in the FLC right here at Wesley Park! Friends and family are welcome!!

Wednesday Night Dinners

For the season of Lent, That Polish Girl Catering will be serving up some delicious dinners. This will be the last Wednesday night dinner. There will be a donation bucket to help cover the cost of the food. All are welcome! On the menu for April 12 is: Chicken Tortilla Soup, Salad, Bread, Hotdogs, Dessert, and Beverages.

Adult Faith Formation: 11 am Sunday Mornings

New Study starting April 30th - through the month of May

Parables of the Kingdom of God

Jesus often spoke and taught in **parables**. These metaphoric stories are **hard** and often **confusing to categorize**. They lend themselves to multiple and sometimes contradictory interpretations. **So, why did Jesus speak in parables and how do we best handle them?** Join us as we experience the parables anew. Everyone is welcome! **April 30th:** Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-23)

Easter Breakfast

The Youth are again hosting an Easter breakfast from 8am-11am. There will be an assortment of breakfast casseroles, Belgium waffles, potatoes, meat, fresh fruit, and beverages. This will be a free will offering event for the 2017 Youth Mission Trip.

New Directory Release

We are planning to have an updated directory effective May 1, 2017. Please stop by the Welcome Desk to:

- confirm that your information in the directory is correct
- tell us whether or not you would like your information released
- to sign up for a copy of the new directory

We will assume that our current records and your permission to release this information is good-to-go if you do not contact us by April 30, 2017.

EasyTithe Giving Option

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