

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, April 16	Young Adult Group, 7 pm	Rachel Gibbard Doug McCreery	
Tuesday, April 17	Senior Saints, noon Cindy's Bible Study, 7 pm	Sally Dear	
Wednesday, April 18	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm	AJ Valdez	John & Josie Waite
Thursday, April 19	Praise Team!, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm Softball Meeting, 7 pm	Earl Morrow	
Friday, April 20	Rummage Sale Set up, 5 pm		
Sunday, April 21	Rummage Sale, 8 am Worship Team, 10 am		
Sunday, April 22	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT, 11 am		

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$7,232**

**(14 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$44,104**

**(38 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$350**

### Piano/Awning Collection Update

Entrance Awning: **\$5,640.70**

Yamaha Piano: **\$16,261**

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### Pastor's Page

Did you know that Wesley Park is one of the few congregations that has a Children's Advocate? Skyler Maitner's focus and responsibility at Wesley Park is to look after the well-being of children. She trains and supports those who work with children. She creates safe space that is fresh and inviting to children. She schedules, trouble-shoots, and celebrates those who volunteer their time to help every child know that they are precious and loved.

It is also remarkable to note that Skyler is a child of this church. Skyler grew up at Wesley Park. She was nurtured by the people here. She developed her faith in Christ here. She was strengthened and empowered by the youth group. Skyler has experienced the living Christ by being fully welcomed into this community of faith. And so, Skyler is as equipped as anyone to know what it takes to help children begin their journey of faith.

Did you know that Anna Spencer is one of the most imaginative, creative, and loving Directors of Faith Formation any church could possibly have? Anna has been working at Wesley Park for four years. She is incredibly committed to helping people grow in Christ and engage their faith. Anna provides training and everything needed to help teachers and support people come into the classroom and teach and support the children. All a person needs is a heart that is open to sharing the love of Christ with every child.

Wesley Park has one of the brightest and most welcoming Children's Centers you will ever see. The nursery is filled with creative images of all of God's creatures (look for the spider on the ceiling)! We have the curriculum, the space, the support, and most importantly, the children who will never forget the love of God they experience in these formative years.

Do you feel a call to connect with the children's ministry at Wesley Park? Skyler and Anna can help you. Just head down to the Children's Center desk and ask what they might need. Children have Faith Formation time during the 9:15 Foundations Service. And, during the 11 am IMPACT Worship & Service, the children engage in mission projects that they design and carry out. I pray you could be a part of this special ministry with this special church.

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## *The Prayers of Our Hearts*

**Chuck Johnson** - Prayers for my friend, Jim. Jim had a lung transplant a year ago and he is back in the hospital with an infection.

**Leo & Arvilla DeVries** - Please pray for Carol Lubbers. She is in the heart center.

**Esther Fernandez** - Please pray for Alfredo's sister, Judy, and her sons, Michael and Alex, and baby Mira. She is 2. Pray for peace and comfort in their hearts. Baby Mira is my brother, Roberts, granddaughter. Prayers for me. Thank you Pastor Dean for the wonderful message. Thank you so much! God bless you.

**Maynard Culver** - Prayers for our country and the world.

**Diane Carpenter** - Please pray for my sister, Sally, in MO. She was taken to the hospital yesterday.

**Pat Johnson** - Prayers for Roger and that he will have peace in his thoughts and alone time.

**Anonymous** - A friend is going to the service today. Pray for a safe time. Prayers for people who are lonely and feel no hope.

**Terry & Janice Thompson** - Prayers for the Foster family of Hart. Tom Foster, a life long friend, passed away.

**Val Rienks** - 13 therapy sessions were approved. Therapist said I won't need that many. Met with primary physician for annual follow up for diabetes, etc. He said all my lab levels were good. A1C was 6.4. He does want me to have the cognitive testing so it can be determined whether it is just temporary or permanent. I also had my annual eye exam and there is a problem with my peripheral retinas. I have to go back in 3 months.

**Kathy Challa** - Pray for me please!

**Toni Pullen** - Great to hear the organ again.

**Anonymous** - Continue prayers for Cheryl Rendak. She continues to work through rehab to mend her broken femur. Prayers for Gary and I as we start to make pre-retirement plans for our future this month.

## **Funeral Lunches**

We are looking for a new funeral lunch coordinator. Training available. Call the office if you are interested in more information.

## **Kids On A Mission**

The kids could use empty toilet paper rolls for an Earth Day project. Please bring rolls to Church by Sunday, April 22nd.

## **Whitecaps - May 19**

Wesley Park UMC at the Whitecaps Baseball with Fireworks! Tickets are \$13 at the Welcome Desk. The deadline for ticket purchases is April 15.

## **Bus Trip - September 20-25**

The annual bus trip this year will head to Washington, DC September 20-25, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$556. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

## **Square Dance Lessons**

Join the Wesley Park square dancers this week Wednesday for a free lesson. Class begins at 6:45 pm.

## **Wesley Park Rummage Sale - April 21**

You can bring your items into the church during office hours or on Friday, April 20th 5pm-11pm. We can pick up anything that needs a truck and trailer on Friday, April 20. Call the office if you need a pick-up.

## **Circles of Grand Rapids**

Circles is seeking a lead teacher for our 7-11 year old class. Small stipend. Please contact the office with any questions.

## **Wesley Park Softball**

If you are interested in the Men's Softball, please contact the church office. Games begin May 3.