

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, April 23	Young Adult Group, 7 pm Council, 7 pm		
Tuesday, April 24	Softball Practice, 5:30 pm UMW, 6:30 pm Cindy's Bible Study, 7 pm	Brad Berends Mary Boyer Richard Soest	Tom & Deb Workman
Wednesday, April 25	PAUMCS Workshop, 9 am Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm		Doug & Karin Drost
Thursday, April 26	Praise Team!, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm		
Sunday, April 29	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT, 11 am		

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$7,817

(15 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$43,519

(37 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$585**

Piano/Awning Collection Update

Entrance Awning: **\$5,695.70**

Yamaha Piano: **\$16,261.00**

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Wesley Park Weekly

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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.

Rae Dea Martin

The Prayers of Our Hearts

Jessica Schick - I pray for Makaila because she broke her wrist at soccer practice.

Kelly Wasnich - Praying for a friend with a major life transition.

Kathy DenHollander - Health prayers for my brother, Lowell. Prayers for my friend, Kathy. She broke her hip in November and she fell again Saturday. She is in Samaritis with Parkinson's. Prayers for me to be a good friend to her.

Janel Folkert - Please pray for me as I struggle with forgiveness.

Marilyn Knapp - My friend and I will return to Central Asia (April 28-May 19) and aim to help lift burdens, show that we care, encourage, and share the good news of Jesus. Thanks much for your thoughts and prayer support.

Harry Blauwiekel - Thank you Lord for the sound of the organ. Sounds good!!

Pat Beadle - Thank you Will for serving as our acolyte today.

Val Rienks - Just waiting for a call from referral for cognitive testing. Physical therapy is going well. I am still looking for a job.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 24, in the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center. The program will be "Finding Our Spiritual Journey" led by Rev. Jane Ellen Johnson. All women are invited to attend. Child Care will be provided.

Kids On A Mission

The kids could use empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls for various projects. They can be put in the bin on the Children's Center desk anytime.

Wesley Park Softball

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

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.

Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner is tomorrow from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Florentines in Grandville. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$4/child (11 and under). Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Information Desk with cash, check, or debit/credit card. They can also be purchased at the door.

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.

Traingle/Duo Dinner Potluck

Save the date of Sunday, May 4, 2018 for the end of season potluck for those involved with the dinners. Please RSVP to the office so we can get an accurate count. The Hartley's will be supplying the barbeque. Dinner begins at 6pm.

Thank You!

As we finish up volunteer week; I want to thank all the volunteers at Wesley Park. It takes a village to make a church run smoothly and we have a wonderful village! If you are looking for a place to volunteer, don't hesitate to give me a call in the office and I will be happy to help you find a right fit for you.