

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:** Ron & Dolores Sanford, Harry Blauwiekel, Pat Warren
- ☀ **Ushers:** Bob Williams, Chuck Dear, Jim Gustafson, Sheryl Jones
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Marlow Jeltema and Jillian Fischer
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Max Gibbard
- ☀ **Nursery:** Jessica Hughes
- ☀ **Child Advocate:** Skyler Maitner
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Joanne Gustafson and Tena Podein
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Erin Vanderlaan, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Adrienne Prentiss, and Liz Montcastle

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Tabi Fischer**, Office Manager, tabi@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Al Pittenger**, Treasurer, apittenger@wesleypark.org
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- ⊠ **Eric Terry**, Youth Director, eterry@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director, sara@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Rostyn Properties**, Custodial Services
- ⊠ **CCLI**, #860995



Wesley Park Weekly

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday after Easter
9:30 am - April 23, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WITNESS

Waiting with Thomas

*HYMN 318

Christ Is Alive

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERING GIFTS TO GOD AND THE WORLD

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*PREPARATION

I Will Rise

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

GIFT OF MUSIC

By Faith and Not by Sight

MESSAGE, *Witnesses*

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

BENEDICTION

Setting Out Once Again

POSTLUDE

Prayers

Val Rienks - Prayers for the Gabrielse family. Randy went to heaven on Friday.

Ross & Erin Vanderlaan - Prayers for us as we begin our journey of expanding our family through adoption.

Cindy Lang - Thank you everyone for the beautiful Easter services. Thank God that Doug was able to come with me. Many blessings.

Paula Pawloski - Prayers for all those who are sick and prayers of strength for their caregivers.

Esther Fernandez - Thank you for praying for my Kristie. She doe NOT have cancer - Praise the Lord! Thank you God. My nephew, Sandy, is out of the hospital and is going to the doctor on the 18th. We will know then if he can travel back to the US. Continue praying, please. Great job children. Beautiful service Pastor Dean.

Anonymous - Pray for Peggy Kerby as she begins chemo therapy.

Heinz Herzog - Prayers for my son, Kris, who will undergo testing for severe migraines.

Vicky VanDalsen - Prayers needed for my great niece, Ella, who is 10 months old. She is having a liver biopsy Wednesday. Genetic testing will determine if she will need a liver transplant in the future.

Nancy Chambers - Thank you for your prayers. It is so good to be back.

Pat Johnson - Wonderful music and message. Great job kids!

Ava Kropp - My birthday is coming up on May 23.

Chuck Johnson - Prayers for my cousin, Lee, who will have a massive shoulder surgery on Tuesday. Prayers for good test results for my son.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Our services this Holy week have been wonderful. Thank you!

Donna Mulder - I thank the Pastor for my home visit.

Anna Reidel - I pray that everybody has a safe and happy Easter.

Amanda Nash - Such a blessing to be in church today with my little guy and my grandmother, Ann Bellgraph.

Ann Bellgraph - I am so thankful that my granddaughter, Amanda Nash, and my great grandson, Kyle, are with me today.

Kathy DenHollander - I had a great birthday with my family. Praise for my sister (she's a nurse) in Kansas City who was able to help her neighbors child who was having a seizure.

Also, her daughter and family are safe. One child was able to jump into another kayak, and the other was rescued from the water.

Nancy Carpenter - The music was exceptional! Children, you did so well. The choir sounded just beautiful. Thank you all for your contribution to an inspirational Easter service.

Elaine Weaver - Grateful for cards from Freddi's Angels.

Carolyn Forbes Family - Carolyn passed away on Good Friday. Her family wants to express their appreciation and thanks to Freddi's Angels for all their cards they have sent over all those years. She loved them all!

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, April 24	Basketball, 5:45 am Staff Meeting, 1 pm Florentines, 4 pm Council, 7 pm	Brad Berends Mary Boyer Richard Soest	Tom & Deb Workman
Tuesday, April 25	Jean Culver Funeral, 11 am UMW, 6 pm Rock and Mineral, 6:15 pm		Doug & Karin Drost
Wednesday, April 26	Basketball, 5:45 am Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm		
Thursday, April 27	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish class, 6:30 pm Softball meeting, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm		
Friday, April 28	Basketball, 5:45 am Rummage Sale Set up, 7 pm		
Saturday, April 29	Rummage Sale, 8 am		
Sunday, April 30	Worship, 9:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am Discipleship Training, 11 am	Alex Bates Milayla Biesbrock Connor Chambers	Brian & Kim Peterson

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:
\$10,117
(16 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:
\$41,195
(37 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$475**

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.

Prayers

Marilynn Knapp - The Good Friday service was so beautiful, powerful, and challenging.
John & Kathy Challa - Amen choir! Friday's service was wonderful, Pastor Dean. It was so meaningful. Great job kids! I could say so much more.
Shirley Diederiks - Happy Easter! He is risen!
Toni Pullen - Wonderful service!!
Freddi Angus - Service was a great joy. I believe and I have a smile in my heart. Thank you children.

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)

May 7th: Parable of the Weeds

May 14th: Parables of Mustard Seed + Yeast

May 21st: Parables of Hidden Treasure + Pearl

May 28th: Parable of the Net

United Methodist Women

Wesley Park's United Methodist Women will be meeting this Tuesday (4/25) at 6pm. They will gather in the Welcome Center. Childcare is provided. All women are welcome.

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!!

Take Me Out To The Ballgame

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3. Wesley Park will be heading out to Fifth Third Ballpark for a night of White Caps baseball. We have opted for the padded seats behind home plate. Tickets are \$16 each. There is no food voucher included this year. You will have until May 10 to purchase your tickets. Please stop by the office or Welcome Desk to purchase. You can pay by cash, check, and debit/credit card. There are fireworks after the game. Please join us for what is going to be a fun evening with our church family. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office (616-988-6738).

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.

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.

Clothing Racks

The youth are in need of clothing racks for their rummage sale this coming weekend. If you have one or more that they could borrow for the weekend, please contact Eric Terry (eterry@wesleypark.org) or the church office (616-988-6738).

General Fund Fundraiser

You might have noticed a bunch of items on the stage last week. Everything that is up there came from the Naeir room downstairs and is now for sale. All the proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the General Fund. It is all by donation. If you have any questions, please talk to Peggy Pittenger or Paula Hartley. They will be available all morning. This week is the last time to purchase those items. Feel free to stop in during office hours to take a look if you don't have time today.