

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, April 30	Young Adult Group, 7 pm	Alex Bates Milayla Biesbrock Connor Chambers	Brian & Kim Peterson
Tuesday, May 1		Anna Spencer	
Wednesday, May 2	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Kitchen Team Meeting, 6:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm Scottish Society, 7 pm Faith Development, 7:45 pm		
Thursday, May 3	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Praise Team!, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Softball Game, 6:15 pm		
Friday, May 4	Freddi's Angels, 1 pm	Makaila Johnson Erica Jones	
Saturday, May 5		Jennifer Allen Erin Vanderlaan	
Sunday, May 6	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Youth Group, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT, 11 am IMPACT Potluck, noon Triangle/Duo Dinner, 6 pm	Carol Rowison	Jason & Kim Johnson Bill & Jennifer Schick

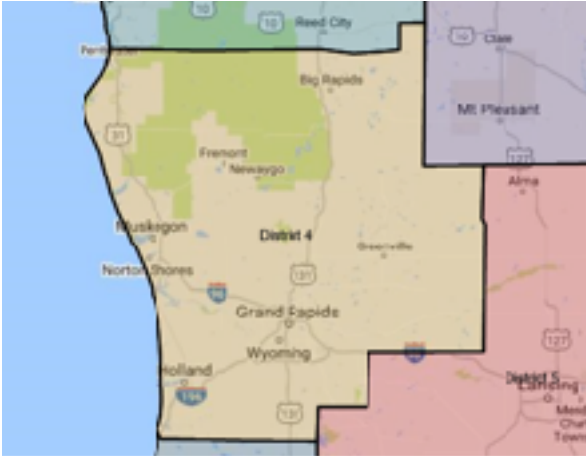
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Pastor's Page

United Methodists in the state of Michigan used to be organized into two Conferences: the Detroit Conference, and the West Michigan Conference. Last June we voted to merge and create the Michigan Conference. The Design Team proposed a new structure for our Districts. Rather than 12, we would reduce our Districts to 9 and cover the whole state. Each District has a Superintendent who supports and supervises the churches in that district.

Wesley Park was part of the Grand Rapids District. But now we have voted to become the Midwest District. Our new District Superintendent will be Rev. Margie Crawford. The District offices have already moved to First Place next to Grand Rapids First United Methodist Church. The new district is made up of 92 churches and covers approximately 6,000 square miles. I will serve with Deb Hodges and others on the Superintendency Committee. Luanne Hoffman will join the District Building and Relocation Committee.



THE MIDWEST DISTRICT

We will grow into a new way of doing ministry as a District. It will be impossible for the District Superintendent to be as available to each local congregation. We will learn to care for one another and look to the District office for support, encouragement, and direction. District grants and funds will be targeted toward ministries that make a difference. We learned this week that the District New Church Team is doing their part to contribute toward a denomination-wide goal of reaching 1 million new people in the next four years. It is exciting to imagine what God has in store for this new Midwest District, and all the churches that are committed to making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world.

Rev. Debra R. Patton

The Prayers of Our Hearts

Chuck & Sally Dear - We need prayers for Rug and Nancy. They have hard days ahead.

Kathy DenHollander - Continued prayers for my friend, Kathy.

Dorie DeCommer - I hope Ashley's boyfriend and my son get jobs. I pray for the nurses and staff at Metron of Forest Hills. I pray for Donna, the bus driver.

Val Rienks - In dire need of a job. No matter how many resumes I send out, I am not having any responses. Not really a way to check on them.

Jessica Hughes - Please lift my friend, Tina, and her family in prayer. Her cousin took his own life and no one knew he was struggling with depression.

Anna Reidel - I pray for my dog that is in heaven.

Ron Thompson - Prayers for my brother, Joe. He is not well.

Paula Pawloski - I pray for strength and endurance while emptying out a third of my basement before waterproofing it. Its amazing what you accumulate over 30 years!

Kathy Challa - Thank you Marilyn for coming to our house to sing for me. I loved it!!! Oh how I love my friends.

Chuck & Jane Ellen Johnson - Prayers for our daughter, Sarah, as she seeks medical help and answers. May help come swiftly and appropriately.

Shirley Diederiks - Pray for Don. He will be trying a new treatment in a few months. Please pray this will help with the pain he is in. Thank you for all your prayers. God bless.

Sallie McLean - Help me get over bronchitis.

Freddi Angus - Good to see Dick Jackson.

Jan McCreery - Please pray for Pete whose wife died last week. He is not able to live alone.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Our service today was up-lifting. Thank you.

Ross & Erin Vanderlaan - We ask continued prayers and Grace through the adoption process.

Barb DeCan - Lots of changes taking place for my family. Prayers that we transition well.

Lynda Edsall - Prayers for Deb Grooter. She is dealing with an amputation. Prayers and congrats to my daughter Catie Schmitt as she graduates on the 29th from Davenport. Prayers for her future.

Julie Riemersma - Thank you Lord for our earth. We will try harder to take care of it. Reuse, repurpose, or find a new use of what you already have.

Anna Rabine - Thank you God that my brother has another chance for life. I pray the Leukemia will remain in remission.

Carol Eaves - Leila Madden's mother is 98 years old and is having severe pain in her legs. She can hardly walk. Please pray that she will be healed of this problem. Thank you and God bless us all!

Myrtle Parrish - Please pray for Ruth, my neighbor. She is having triple heart bypass surgery this week.

Anonymous - Please pray for Dave Strumfeld and his family during this difficult time.

Pam Bravata - Please pray for my mom, Pauline Shinn, and that she is taken care of the way she should be. We are gone weekends in the summer and we want it to go well for her if she wants to use the Go Bus. Thank you all!

Linda Carter - Please keep me in prayer as I see the doctor Friday to find out if the new eye drops are helping. I am having a second opinion on May 15. Thank you.

White Caps Baseball

Tickets are in for the game if you ordered them. Please stop by the Info desk or the office this week to pick yours up.

Wesley Park Men's Softball

This Thursday marks opening day for our Men's team. They will be playing this week at 6:15pm on Field 3. Address is Orchard Hill Church, 1465 3 Mile Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.

Traingle/Duo Dinner Potluck

Save the date of Sunday, May 6, 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.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$8,822

(16 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$42,514

(36 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$1,005**

Piano/Awning Collection Update

Entrance Awning: **\$9,005**

Yamaha Piano: **\$17,500 Paid in Full!!**