

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:** Barb DeCan, Charlie Swanson
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck and Sally Dear, Kathy DenHollander, Lynda Edsall
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Dakota Acosta and Angel Najar
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** James Halstead
- ☀ **Nursery:** Wendy Harr
- ☀ **Child Advocate:** Skyler Maitner
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Jim Gustafson and Tabi Fischer
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Erin Vanderlaan, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Carole Sutphen, Adrienne Prentiss, Liz Montcastle, Al Pittenger, Jeff & Kristen Brink

- ⊠ **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
- ⊠ **Rostyn Properties**, Custodial Services
- ⊠ **CCLI**, #860995



Wesley Park Weekly

April 30, 2017

Witnesses

We are witnesses to the Living Christ working among us, inspiring us to live out our mission to build a Christian community with all people. Our staff meeting Monday, April 24 was one such opportunity to open up our senses and feel the Spirit among us. The weather was perfect, and so we decided to have a walking meeting through the neighborhood around the church. As we walked, we talked about surprising and wonderful things that have been happening - two youth who are looking to earn their Eagle award have contacted the church; someone came to us for help with getting their life back in order; Family Promise continues to be a source of strength and stability as Nancy Spalenka brought back four tubs of cleaned laundry, and took home six more containers to wash. Along the walk we saw birds, dodged the water from a sprinkler, and walked past a house with a sign on the porch that said, "Prayer X-ing". The Blended Worship is continuing to be monitored and evaluated, and worship consultation for a new service is now into it's second of ten sessions. There is a particular and tested process to follow in order to begin a second service again. It will require more and more and more people involved in the vision, the relationship-building, and the launch of a service that will make a difference in the lives of those in our community. We are still getting feedback from the congregation regarding transforming the garden near the sanctuary into a Memorial Garden. Glen Haight is back from Florida and will be able to show us more clearly what the columbarium would look like, Finance and Trustees are working on policy proposals, and the Council will take time to consider what is possible in the garden. Our worship services are now all video-taped and streamed to our website (www.wesleypark.org). Please share with the world! We are witnesses to the promise and peace of Jesus Christ!

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Prayers

Molly Jeltema - Brad and I both have (finally) earned our Masters degrees!

Nancy Carpenter - Please pray for Amy McCasland as she recovers from foot surgery.

Prayers also for Lynda Edsall as she has hip replacement surgery.

Jackie Matson - Prayers for grandson, T.J.

Terry & Janice Thompson - Prayers for the Walsworth family from Hart. Ryan Walsworth went missing in February. His body was found on the beach near Pentwater yesterday. He washed up three miles from where his truck was found.

Val Rienks - Prayers for April as she has a kidney infection and spent 2 nights in the hospital this past week. She will be on a low grade antibiotic until the baby is born. I have my first chemo treatment on Friday, April 28. I won't know what time until Thursday when I meet with the nurse educator.

Craig Cox - Putting my trust in Christ. I am having 3 teeth pulled this week. I am looking for apartments in Grandville/Wyoming area. I am also possibly investing in a used car. Pray I stay strong and keep trusting Christ. Pray that my worry and anxiety stay low because it has a tendency to get pretty high.

Esther Fernandez - Please pray for Alfredo's uncle. He has been in the hospital since Thursday night with very high blood pressure. They are trying to get it under control. Sandy came home from Cuba Friday night. He is doing well and will be going to the doctor on Monday. Pray for them. Praise our Lord for answered prayers. Thank you for praying. God is so good.

Marilyn Knapp - My friend and I will leave on May 2 for Central Asia where we'll help to build relationships for the dear natives to hear God's word. Please pray for strength, wisdom, and protection.

Anonymous - Prayers for my daughter. She is looking for full time work. I pray that she will let Christ into her life.

Dorie DeCommer - Please pray for Kenya and Melissa. Pray for me too.

Tena Podein - Prayers for David's and my grandson, Jacob, who is only 3. He is experiencing brain seizures from his Tuberos Sclerosis. Prayers for the next step for his treatment. God has and is always holding him close.

Freddi Angus - I still pray for Family Promise. What a wonderful program. It is good.

Sallie McLean - Please pray for Kenya. Prayers also for Jack who had a stroke. He is my friend and I miss him.

Bill Kerby - Peg begins chemo on Friday. Pray for healing.

Tjeerdsma Family - Prayers for family, near and far.

Lynda Edsall - It was great to have such wonderful ladies to my house last week for the triangle dinner.

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, May 1	Basketball, 5:45 am Trustees, 6:30 pm	Anna Spencer	
Tuesday, May 2		John Waite	
Wednesday, May 3	Basketball, 5:45 am Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Kitchen Team, 6:30 pm		
Thursday, May 4	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 m Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Makaila Johnson Erica Jones	
Friday, May 5	Basketball, 5:45 am Freddi's Angels, 6:30 pm	Jennie Losing Laura Oesch Erin Vanderlaan	
Saturday, May 6	Lularoe Fundraiser, 1 pm College Bible Study, 7 pm	Carol Rowlson	Jason & Kim Johnson Bill & Jennifer Schick
Sunday, May 7	Worship, 9:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am Staff Meeting, noon		

Jill Beck - The video with the anthem was moving! Adrienne, I loved the song you played. Many good memories are associated with it.

Donna Mulder - Thank you for the new screen.

Pat Johnson - Prayers of strength for a friend who is struggling as a primary care giver for her husband.

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