

Date	Event
Monday, May 7	Trustees, 6:30 pm Young Adult Group, 7 pm
Tuesday, May 8	SPRC, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, May 9	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm
Thursday, May 10	Congregational Care Team, 2 pm Praise Team!, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Softball game, 6:15 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm Softball, 7:30 pm
Friday, May 11	Wedding Rehearsal, 6 pm
Saturday, May 12	Warner/Allen Wedding, 11 am
Sunday, May 13	Foundations Worship, 9:15 am Youth Group, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Blood Pressure Check, 10:30 am IMPACT Worship, 11 am



Wesley Park

Pastor's Page

Here at Wesley Park we have two worship services, the Foundations and the IMPACT services. They are unique and both reflect the basic patterns of worship that are characteristic of The United Methodist Church. From the United Methodist Book of Worship:

Our worship in both its diversity and its unity is an encounter with the living God through the risen Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. When the people of God gather, the Spirit is free to move them to worship in diverse ways, according to their needs. We rejoice that congregations of large and small membership, in different regions, in different communities, of different racial and ethnic composition, and with distinctive local traditions can each worship in a style that enables the people to feel at home.

The Spirit is also the source of unity and truth. The teachings of Scripture give our worship a basic pattern that has proved itself over the centuries, that gives The United Methodist Church its sense of identity and links us to the universal Church. This pattern goes back to worship as Jesus and his earliest disciples knew it - services in the synagogue and Jewish family worship around the meal table. It has been fleshed out by the experience and traditions of Christian congregations for two thousand years.

The Thanksgiving and Communion, commonly called the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, is a Christian adaptation of Jewish worship at family meal tables - as Jesus and his disciples ate together during his preaching and teaching ministry, as Jesus transformed it when he instituted the Lord's Supper on the night before his death, and as his disciples experienced it in the breaking of bread with their risen Lord (Luke 24:30-35; John 21:13).

The Sacrament of Holy Communion in The United Methodist Church is open to any and all who seek the love of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God, who we experience in worship and the world.

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The Prayers of our Hearts from April 29, 2018

Barb DeCan - Please pray for my friend, Kathy, who lost her husband, Mike, in January. Adjustment is so hard, but she is very strong in faith and that is helping her so.

Carol Eaves - Don Bartson's brother-in-law has congestive heart failure.

Val Rienks - Still no call for cognitive testing. I contacted the office and it seems to have been lost in the process. Still in dire need of a job.

Maynard Culver - Please pray for my granddaughter, Jessica.

Peg Pittenger - Please pray for my neighbor, Helen, as she awaits test results and upcoming surgery.

Esther Fernandez - Beautiful service. I love the songs the choir sang. I love our church family. Thank you dear Lord for your awesome love. Matt, great job you are doing. God bless you.

Nancy Carpenter - Please pray for a safe, restful, and restorative vacation for Brad, Molly, Marlow, and Colbie.

Al Pittenger - Prayers that the new IMPACT service will grow and grow and thrive and Wesley Park will fill to overflowing! Amen!

David Waugh & Tena Podein - Thanksgiving and prayers for Matthew and Stacie for a new home and new life. Love and hugs for dear friends as they grieve, hurt and make transitions in their lives.

Paula Pawloski - Please pray for my sister-in-law's older sister, Paula. She has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for safe travel for my brother, Curtis, and his wife, Kay, as they drive to Minnesota frequently to see Paula in the next few months.

June Jones - Pray for my sister, Gerry. She had a stroke. Thank you.

Jackie Matson - Pray for my grandson, T.J., as he is looking for work.

Pat Essex - Thankful for the beautiful music each week. Prayers for our son's fractured ankle to heal.

Anonymous - Let us plant seeds to grow. Thank you Lord for showing us the way.

Laura Szczepanek - Thank you for your prayers and support last week. It was a rough week. God is good. My church family is awesome. Prayers for my brother, Bob. He is awaiting surgery on his back.

Ken & Linda McKenney - Beautiful music from the choir. Prayers for Ken who has some heart issues. Great message of George Whitfield and Charles Wesley. Good sermon. Go out and love the world.

Dorie DeCommer - Brandon's mother is in the hospital.

Chuck & Donna Gress - So good to be back home again! We have missed you all!

Sallie McLean - Please pray for Naicha and Kenya and that they have patience at work.

Freddi Angus - A miracle on Colrain St. has happened. May is walking and gardening and the wheel chair ramp has been taken down. May has even overcome Lyme Disease and gives all her praise to God. She is now writing a book.

Family and Youth Camp

Save the date for this summer's family camp at Lakeview United Methodist Camp in Lakeview, MI. Dates are August 17-19, 2018. 12 sites available. Please see Val (wearing the happy camper t-shirt) at the Information Desk for more information or to make your reservations.

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.

Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$9,079

(17 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$42,257

(35 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$257**

Piano/Awning Collection Update

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

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

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Today we celebrate the efforts of the children. We celebrate your excitement and commitment to helping the children and youth of this church do great things in the name of Christ. Today we remember that we are God's hands in the world through our giving and our receiving. **This month, Kids on a Mission will continue to help others. We are doing various projects for Kids Food Basket so that children in our community know that they are loved and cared about through the ministry of hand-packed meals and snack distributed in schools.**

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