

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, May 22	Basketball, 5:45 am Staff Meeting, 1 pm Florentines, 4 pm	Isabelle Brink	
Tuesday, May 23	UMW, 6 pm	Ava Kropp	
Wednesday, May 24	Basketball, 5:45 am Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm	James Hughes	Richard & Marsha Soest
Thursday, May 25	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm Softball, 7:30 pm	Jason Fleeger Marlow Jeltema	Dean & Adrienne Prentiss
Friday, May 26	Basketball, 5:45 am	Brad Folkert	
Saturday, May 27			Leo & Arvilla DeVries
Sunday, May 28	Worship, 9:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am		

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.



Wesley Park Weekly

May 21, 2017

Wesley's Directions for Singing

1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
4. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
5. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
6. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
7. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

Ronald Antis

Prayers

Ava Kropp - I want to pray for myself because I got bit by a dog. I was just walking outside and he darted at me. I did not need to go to the hospital but the owner said if I had to go to the hospital that he would pay for it. The dog's name is Max and I got bit at my grandma's.

Linda Hagan - Please pray for Tim's mom as decisions regarding whether or not to sell her family home are made. She is 91 and has lived in her present home since 1966. There are a lot of happy memories for all.

Cindy Lang - Prayers for Doug as he continues his struggle with COPD. Also prayers for George Peterson as he continues his rehab. Prayers for Barb and Gary DeCan as they care for him.

Freddi Angus - Thank the Lord for a very special "River Run". I love the Lord. The music in this church is awesome.

Sallie McLean - Dorie and I are now roommates again. We are in Room #3. Please come for a visit.

Dorie DeCommer - Pray for Judy and all the nurses at Metron of Forest Hills.

Linda Carter - Please keep me in prayer for something I am going through.

Maddy Joy Brink - Please pray for me. I have scoliosis and I have to wear a brace at night and I am not happy.

Pat Beadle - Prayers for safe travels as I fly to Belgium to see my grandson, Jeffrey, and his family stationed there. Jeffrey is being promoted to Army Major.

Chuck and Jane Johnson - Prayers for the Hanson family (Gold star family)

Donna Mulder - Thank you children for your song this morning.

Lynda Edsall - Thank you, church family, for your prayers, cards, and love as I have gone thru hip surgery. I am so blessed. God is good, all the time!

Tjeerdsma family - Prayers for family - those who are gone and yet to be. We especially want prayers for the new addition to the Volkers and Tjeerdsma families.

Nancy Carpenter - Sara, you are such an amazing asset to our church family. Ava and Andrew are as well. We are blessed by you all.

Val Rienks - My second treatment is Friday, May 19.

Nicholas Johnson - I pray for Ava because she got bit by a dog for no reason. I pray that sicknesses were no longer real.

Charles & Donna Gress - "Love Grows Here" - What a great song!

Anonymous - Prayers for the Volkers family as they prepare for the arrival of their new baby!

Anonymous - Say a prayer for Ava Kropp. We hope she has a quick healing from a dog bite.

Summer Kids Faith Formation

starting May 14 through August

Volunteers are needed in each of these ministry areas. If you are interested in serving this summer or in the fall please let Anna Spencer know or call the office.

The Play & Learning room (9:30 -10:30 am) will continue throughout the summer, after the children's blessing, except on 1st Sundays (Communion Sundays) of each month.

Preschool - 3rd grade (11 am - Noon) will be combining classes this summer with age specific breakouts for the discussion of the Bible Story. The combined class will be meeting in the Preschool room each Sunday. The older children will have the opportunity to buddy up with a younger child and help with crafts and activities.

4th - 5th grade class (11 am - Noon) will continue as usual throughout the summer. Keep an eye on your bulletin and email for family and community events happening this summer!

Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, May 22 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 General Fund.

Adult Faith Formation: 11 am Sunday Mornings

New Study now - through the month of May

Parables of the Kingdom of God

May 21st: Parables of Hidden Treasure + Pearl

May 28th: Parable of the Net

Upcoming Summer Adult Faith

Formation: CROSSING THE POVERTY DIVIDE - June 11, 18, 25 (with Guest Teacher Rev. Julie Liske)

About the class: John Wesley believed that "the presence of the poor in Christian communities of support and accountability is essential not only for the benefit of the poor but for the salvation of the prosperous." Join us for frank and lively discussion, practical tools, and mutual encouragement to better understand the complexities of poverty and God's call to the ministry of resolving it.

About Rev. Julie Liske: is an ordained United Methodist deacon with over 20 years of dynamic leadership in West Michigan congregations, chaplaincies, and social justice ministry. God's insistent call in Julie's life has been to ministries that build lasting relationships of mutual learning, understanding, and respect across boundaries most often not crossed. Her passion and joy is helping groups of individuals become genuine communities who understand that everyone has something to teach and everyone has something to learn.

Summer Camp

Every year, Wesley Park UMC has a camp scholarship fund to help send our kids to a United Methodist camp. Prayerfully consider donating to this wonderful fund to help send Wesley Park UMC kids to a summer camp this year. It costs approximately \$400 to send 1 child to camp for 1 week. Checks can be made out to Wesley Park UMC and mark the envelope with "Summer Camp".

United Methodist Women

Wesley's United Methodist Women will be held at 6:30 pm in the Marv and Omie Welcome Center on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. The program topic will be Mothers in Action. Childcare is provided. All women are welcome to attend.

A Huge Thank You!

My mom, sister, and myself would like to thank everyone that attended my dad's visitation and memorial service. A special thank you to Pastor Dean and all of the ladies and gentlemen that provided services and the luncheon, it was greatly appreciated. Dad was at peace in his faith and he loved this church and the church family! Mom is at a beautiful home called Harmony House. They are there 24 hours a day to assist her with all of her needs and to keep her active. The address is 6426 Ivanrest SW, Byron Center, MI 49315 and the phone number is 616-591-2433. Please feel free to send her a note or card. I know she would appreciate it. Visitors are more than welcome. They just request that you come between noon and 7 pm. With deep appreciation, Bev and Amee Sleesman, Kim Peterson, and families.

Annual Bus Trip

The annual bus trip will be going to Virginia Beach. The trip features a tour of Battleship Wisconsin, a visit to Colonial Williamsburg and the Yankee Candle Village Store. The dates are September 24-30 and cost is \$755. If you would like more information please contact Joanne (616.706.7186) or Carolyn (616.538.3085).

Got Extra Yarn?

The first Thursday of every month we have LaRee Ellens knitting group that meets in the Cornerstone room. They are running low on yarn. If you have some extra yarn that you are not going to be using or can purchase some to donate, please drop it off to the office during regular business hours or on Sunday at the Welcome Desk.

ATTENTION: WESLEY PARK FAMILY

I would like to offer all of you a very worthwhile opportunity to proclaim our mission "to build a Christian community with all people." Annual conference will take place in Traverse City on June 1-4, 2017. As a member of Michigan United Methodists, we can participate by offering financial assistance for Bishop Judith Craig's Children's Village in Liberia for orphaned children and/or feeding 20,000 Haitian children suffering from the devastation of a hurricane last year (see bulletin insert); and by supplying household items (stop by the welcome desk for a list) for a permanent shelter, Safe Harbor of Grand Traverse. I pray that our church will find it in their hearts to help these very needy causes. Nobody needs to be lonely or hungry, or without shelter, clothing, and protection. Please make out checks to Wesley Park UMC noting on the memo line "Haiti/Liberia Offering," and drop off household items in the office. We will want to send the money and items with Deb Hodges when she goes to Annual Conference on June 1 so please make sure we have your contributions by May 30th. Thank you for your support and your efforts on behalf of the needy. God bless! Al Pittenger, Treasurer

Wesley Park's Very Own "A" Team

It is that time of year again, when we support the men of Wesley Park while they play various churches in softball. They play every Thursday at Orchard Hill Reformed Church, 1465 3 Mile NW. This week they have one game that begins at 7:30pm and is on field 1.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$13,528

(20 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$37,784

(33 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$154**

Survey Monkey

The Worship Transition Team is working hard to make sure the blended service is everything that it needs to be. You have a survey as an insert in the bulletin this week. We ask that you fill it out and bring it to the Welcome Desk or drop it at the office this week. The Worship Transition Team will also be sending out an invite to Survey Monkey so you can take it online if you prefer. They need your honest feedback into how you think this service is going. We will be having these surveys once a month until the launch of the new contemporary service.

Summer is Coming

The summer months are coming up fast and there may be a Sunday that you are out of town and can't make it to service. Now you can watch the service where ever you are! With our new video equipment we are now streaming live on our website every Sunday. If you can't watch at 9:30 am..don't worry...you can watch it taped later via the website as well.

Kids Summer Faith Formation

Would you consider volunteering with kids this summer? We need volunteers to help lead our Preschool through 3rd-grade summer class from June 18th through August. The curriculum is planned and prepped each week for you but we need your help to continue to provide kids faith formation throughout the summer! See Anna Spencer or contact the office if you are interested in volunteering or starting our clearance process.