

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:** Landon and Avery Terry
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Max Gibbard
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Nancy Carpenter
- ☀ **Video Tech:** Kyran Vieau
- ☀ **Nursery:** Pat Beadle
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Tena Podein and Duane Volkens
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Carole Sutphen, 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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- ⊠ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director, sara@wesleypark.org
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# Wesley Park Weekly

May 28, 2017

## Memorial Day

*I read an article in the Grand Rapids Press written by John Hogan about planting a garden on Memorial Day weekend. I think it can teach us a lot about life in the church!*

**Novice gardeners too often stick plants too close together, despite spacing instructions on the plant label.**

*Give people some space to grow!*

**Give them a few weeks to get acclimated to their new home and they take off.**

*Sometimes it takes time for people to find a spiritual home.  
But when they do, they make everything more beautiful and alive!*

**Do yourself a favor; read the plant labels and space according to size.**

*Everyone is different!*

*Take the time to understand the needs of someone else,  
and we will grow taller and stronger.*

**New transplants require plenty of water until they get roots established. If it is hot and windy, watering them once or twice a day may be needed for a week or so. Wilting is a sure sign they are dying of thirst or have been in the trunk too long.**

*Jesus said, "I am the Living Water."*

*Lots of water is needed to help the roots to grab hold.*

**Water immediately after potting and be vigilant about watering on hot, sunny days. Hanging baskets may be gasping for water, but can't really convey the message if they are in an area you can't see from the garage or kitchen window.**

*Keep caring for one another! Pay attention to those who may be thirsty!*

*Rev. Dean N. Prentiss*

# Prayers

**Sallie McLean** - Please pray for me as I start therapy to help with my walking.

**Dorie DeCommer** - Prayers for the staff and patients at Metron of Forest Hills.

**Terry Thompson** - Dean, you were on top of your game today. Your enthusiasm is catching! Thank you and may God bless Wesley Park!

**Lynda Edsall** - Beautiful music choir and praise team. Prayers for safe travel as Charly and Mike go on a cruise. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

**Bill & Vicky VanDalsen** - Praise! Evie had her cochlear implant activated this week and she can hear again! The joy on her face was a gift. She will have the left CI placed next month.

**Chuck & Jane Ellen Johnson** - Prayers for friend, Dave Onsted. He was in a motorcycle accident and may lose his left leg. Dave told me Saturday that he should have died but "God has other plans for me". This I believe.

**Pat Johnson** - Prayers for a niece hospitalized for substance abuse.

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Our service today was wonderful.

**Gibbard family** - Thank you music team!

**Jessica Schick** - Thank you so much to the chancel choir, praise team, and accompanists for bringing music to our church.

**Harry Blauwikel** - Prayers for a fun and safe trip for Pat Beadle.

**Peg Pittenger** - Prayers for the Noble family on the loss of their precious family member, Sherry Noble.

**Marilyn Knapp** - Thank you for praying! The Lord blessed us while we were in Asia working with dear people who have so little and still are so grateful. His grace moved us forward during difficult times!

**Esther Fernandez** - Please pray for my son-in-law, Chad. He will travel to Las Vegas with a couple of friends on May 27. Thank you for all your love and prayers. Sandy Knoester is home. Praise the Lord. Pastor Dean, thank you for the beautiful message. Thank you Sara. What a blessing you are to us. Thank you also to Liz and Adrienne.

**Leo DeVries** - Pray for the family of Wilber Fye. He passed away last night.

**Val Rienks** - Second treatment under my belt. My hair was falling out fast and furious. I had Suzi shave my head for me. Labs on Friday, May 26. Next treatment is Friday, June 9. Appointment with primary to make sure ALC is lowering on Monday May 22.

**Carole Sutphen** - Wednesday, my son, Matthew, will be going to China for a week. Prayers for safe travel and communication ability while there.

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, May 29	Office Closed, Memorial Day	Kathy Maynard	Steve & Diane Ellens Scott & Kathy Maynard
Tuesday, May 30		Jen Losinger	
Wednesday, May 31	Basketball, 5:45 am Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm	Donna Workman	
Thursday, June 1	Knitting group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Softball, 6:15 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm Softball, 7:30 pm	Keagen Herzog Samara Lofgren	Chad & Heather Gast
Friday, June 2	Basketball, 5:45 am		
Saturday, June 3	White Caps, 7 pm		
Sunday, June 4	Worship, 9:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am		

## Memorial Day

Just a little reminder that the office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The office will be open regular hours Tuesday-Thursday (9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm). I hope you all enjoy the holiday!

## **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

### **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.

### **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).

## **Summer Kids Faith Formation (May through August)**

The Play & Learning room (9:30 -10:30 am) is a meaningful alternative to the worship service for young children. In this class, children are invited to play, pray, and experience Bible stories interactively. Please note that this class does not meet on the first of the month so that children and their families can experience communion Sundays together.

We have two 11 am classes this summer for our faith formation hour. One class is for Preschool through 3rd-grade and the other is for 4th and 5th-grade students.

**\*\*\*Looking to get involved in kids faith formation, please contact Anna Spencer or the church office. We have lots of ministry opportunities available!**

### **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.

### **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".

## **CROSSING THE POVERTY DIVIDE - June 11, 18, 25**

**(with Guest Teacher Rev. Julie Liske)**

Rev. Julie Liske will be with us for three weeks, to help us better understand the poverty divide. Liske will help us address some of the unhealthy or unhealthy ways that we talk about or view poverty and those experiencing it.

**Join us June 11, 18, and 25th 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.**

**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.

### **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 a double header. First game begins at 6:15 pm and is on field 2 and the second one is at 7:30 pm on field 3.

### **Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering**

#### **100% Ministry Shares Challenge**

Received To Date:

**\$13,725**

**(21 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$37,587**

**(32 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$197**

## **Update from the Ellen's**

We are wrapping up our 5th and final project for the season at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, Maryland. (yes that is the name of the city). It is located on the Chesapeake Bay - a beautiful setting for retreats. Our team is cleaning, painting, and doing repairs getting things ready for the summer season. We finish June 1 and will head home. Pray for safe travel as we head out on the highways with our 5th wheel.

### **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.

### **White Caps Tickets**

Tickets are in! If you ordered tickets for the White Caps you can stop by the Welcome Desk today to pick them up. If they are not picked up today, they will be waiting for you in the office this week. Please stop by to pick them up during business hours.

### **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.