



# Wesley Park

June 25, 2017

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, June 26	Staff Meeting, 1 pm	Gregory Brewer Charlie Swanson	
Tuesday, June 27	UMW Potluck, 6 pm	Will Prentiss Jorie Schafer	Virginia & Jim Hughes
Wednesday, June 28	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Catie Schmitt Charly Edsall	
Thursday, June 29	Softball, 6:15 pm Softball, 7:30 pm		
Friday, June 30		Kenzie Howland	
Saturday, July 1			Tom & Liz Montcastle
Sunday, July 2	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am	Linda Hagan Doris Lester David Workman	

## Welcome Desk Welcomes All

Stop by the Welcome Desk this morning in the Welcome Center.

- ⊗ Get a **name badge**, even if this is your first Sunday!
- ⊗ Sign up to provide cookies and juice for our 10:30 am **Fellowship Time**.
- ⊗ **Bikes and Books**, July 22, Donate books, funds, or sign-up to help.
- ⊗ Sign up for **Family Camp**, August 18-20 at Lakeview United Methodist Camp. \$56 per site.
- ⊗ **Blessing of the Cars**, August 24 Water Donation, or volunteer August 26.
- ⊗ **Circles of Grand Rapids**, sign-up if interested in connecting.

## Circles Grand Rapids

**THE CRISIS:** In the city of Grand Rapids, more than 25 percent of citizens live at or below the federal poverty level, which is \$24,600 for a family of four. Today in our community, one in four children is living in poverty.

**THE SOLUTION:** Circles Grand Rapids is part of Circles USA, a high-impact strategy that engages the community in owning the solutions to poverty by:

- Empowering people in poverty with skills, knowledge, and support to achieve their goals to become self-sufficient
- Mobilizing volunteers, community leaders, and organizations
- Developing leadership
- Fostering community-level change by raising the community's poverty IQ
- Addressing systemic barriers faced by families trying to move out of poverty

**THE DIFFERENCE:** Circles works via healthy, long term relationships to assist families and individuals to lead themselves into permanent self-sufficiency. No handouts are expected or given. Rather, volunteers help under-resourced participants find better ways to budget, resolve conflict, create networks, and gain the skills needed for successful employment and advancement. People are supporting one another through friendship and fellowship to make life better for our whole community.

**LOVE TO COOK FOR A CROWD?** Circles GR needs simple meals donated, prepared, and served to about 30 Circle Leaders and their children and Allies. To learn more contact Cathy at [codom@circlesgr.org](mailto:codom@circlesgr.org).

### BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION - VOLUNTEER

- **Become a Circle Ally**, befriending and walking beside a Circle Leader (participant) who is working to achieve self-defined stability goals
- **Provide meals** (free at every weekly meeting) **and warm hospitality**
- **Provide quality child care and programming** (free at every meeting)
- **For more options**, contact us at 616-719-4510 or [jliske@circlesgr.org](mailto:jliske@circlesgr.org)

# Prayers

**Esther Fernandez** - Thank you Sara for your gift of music. Thank you Eric and all the youth leaders for all you do. God bless you always. Congratulations all graduates. Naomi, follow Jesus always. God loves you. We are so proud of you. Thank you for the beautiful song ladies. God is good.

**Al Pittenger** - Prayers for daughter, Kim, as she travels with her youth group from Midland to help the needy in Haiti this next week. Great music, Sara, Molly, and Adrienne.

**Peg Pittenger** - Please pray for the Noble family as they prepare to celebrate the life of their family member, Sherry Noble, on Sunday, June 25. Congratulations Naomi, Rachel, Jorie, Molly, and Brad!

**Nancy Carpenter** - Beautiful music!

**Joanne Gustafson** - I want to thank my church family for all the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital.

**Dolores Sanford** - Our special music is wonderful. Thank you for making our service great!

**Annette Jeltema** - Continue prayers for my brother, Jim, who is in the hospital.

**Pat Beadle** - Beautiful music. Thank you to all who provided it.

**Brian Hepp** - Pray against the bad habits, health, lack of knowledge, skills, opportunity and against those who would stand in the way of people breaking out of poverty and into prosperity.

**Sallie McLean** - Please pray for my walking. Everyone is telling me to get a wheelchair. The ones in charge say I will never get out again. Some days I just want to go to bed but I have so many people to see so I am always trying.

**Dori DeCommer** - Please pray for all the people at Metron of Forest Hills. Please pray for my son and daughter.

**Bill & Vicky VanDalsen** - Prayers for my cousins. My 92 year old Aunt Fran met the Father on Father's Day. She is the last of this generation in our family.

**John & Kathy Challa** - Good luck to a special young lady in my life.

**Karen McCarty** - Pray for Tony and the decisions he is making. Pray for patience for me to deal with things that are taking place.

**Kathy DenHollander** - My friend is home from the hospital and recovering. She is doing much better than expected! Prayers for those of us that are without our dads.

**Carol Eckert** - Prayers for Kaevion Eskew. He is in ICU after nearly drowning. He attends Wyoming Jr. High.

**Mary Mingledorff** - From my dad: "If it's difficult, it is probably worthwhile."

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**Chuck Johnson** - Pray for my friend, Dave, and his family. He lost his leg the week before last. God bless Mr. D.

**Chuck & Janice Starnes** - Please watch over us while we are traveling.

**Liz Montcastle** - Beautiful trio.

**Carolyn DuBuis** - Sara, your music is very special. You bless us all.

**Earl & Sally Morrow** - Prayers for Peg Kerby as she battles cancer.

**June Jones** - Prayers for my sister, Pat Harrison, in Florida. She is having heart problems. Thank you.

**Barb DeCan** - Beautiful music ladies. Thank you!

**Val Rienks** - Mikayla Jade made her appearance on June 13 at 4:45 am. She weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz and 19" long. Mom and daughter are doing well. I feel very weak after this past treatment. Not a lot of pain and I've been hungry all week. Prayers for strength.

## Blessing of the Classic Cars

Wesley Park is teaming up with the Chamber and The Metro Cruise to host a "Blessing of the Cars" on Thursday, August 24th. Cars will start arriving at 6 pm with the blessing at 7 pm. The community is invited for this great celebration. If you are able to donate drinking water, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. In addition, the Chamber is looking for volunteers on Saturday, August 26, for 3 hour shifts. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you would like to volunteer.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$16,723**

**(25 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$34,589**

**(28 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$940**

## Anything But Ordinary, July - September 2<sup>nd</sup>

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