



# Wesley Park Weekly

July 2, 2017

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, July 3	Trustees, 6:30 pm	Chris Halstead	
Tuesday, July 4	Office closed	John Vander Lugt	
Wednesday, July 5	Women's Prayer, 10 am Kitchen Team, 6:30 pm		
Thursday, July 6	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm		
Friday, July 7		Allison Kinney Bill Schick	
Saturday, July 8	College Small Group, 7 pm	Marcia Beams Janice Starnes	Jeff & Nicole Bates
Sunday, July 9	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am Staff Meeting, noon	Shirley Myers Michelyn Van Noord	Gordon & Nancy Spalenka

## 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.

## The Summer Suitcase

It's summertime in Michigan, and the living is easy! The warm sun might call you to the lakeshore, or the park, or to travel to sites unseen. We have entered a new season, when the rotation of the earth brings us closest to the sun. I hope that whatever you choose to do during this season you will discover a time of re-creation. Summer is a great time to sit beneath a tree in silent wonder and amazement, in prayer and adoration, as we marvel at God's amazing creation. A good book on a sunny summer day can take you to lands far off, without ever leaving your porch. What a joy it is to worship in the summer, when the light shines and the flowers bloom and the birds sing praises in harmony with our voices, thankful for the creator of all things.

This summer, our worship theme is "The Summer Suitcase." Wherever we go, God is with us. And, we are equipped to make a difference whether we are near or far away. There is something in our suitcase that will help us be a blessing.

- ☀ July 9: Unpacking our Baggage (Romans 7:15-25a)
- ☀ July 16: Preparation is the Key (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)
- ☀ July 23: No Matter Where I Go, You Are With Me (Psalm 139)
- ☀ July 30: Packing for the Kingdom (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)
- ☀ August 6: Following the Path - With a Barbershop Quartet! (Psalm 85:8-13)
- ☀ August 13: What Do I Have to Share - Youth Sunday (Matthew 14:13-21)
- ☀ August 20: Returning Home (Psalm 133)
- ☀ August 27: Loretta Jahncke Preaching
- ☀ September 3: Max Gibbard Preaching

*Randee Martin*

# Prayers

**Shirley Diederiks** - Please pray for Don. The doctor is changing one of his meds. We need prayers that the new medicine works for him. Thank you all for your prayers for him. Bless you all. God is so good.

**Maynard Culver** - May God bless our church as we move forward.

**Dolores Sanford** - Thank you Ava. It was so beautiful.

**Sallie McLean** - Please pray for my walking. Each day is a challenge to stay on my feet. They have me in rehab most days.

**Freddi Angus** - My grandson, Ian, and his lady, Sarah, are getting married July 7. God bless us all! My grandson, Hunter, will be home on leave for several weeks before he is deployed to Germany.

**Dorie DeCommer** - Pray for Joe and his family.

**Nancy Carpenter** - Thank you Rev. Julie Liske for sharing God's truth. Pray that we remember and act on God's purpose for us.

**Ken Oesch** - Ava, way to re-set. It was a great song, thank you for sharing.

**Lynda Edsall** - 23 years ago (Wed) the twins, Catie and Charly, were born. They have been such a blessing to me and to all they meet. Praise God for them. My oldest daughter, Kim, and her husband, Paul, celebrate 7 years of marriage. God is good.

**Cindy Keller** - Prayers for my son who hurt his back.

**Marilyn Knapp** - Thank you for praying for my cousin Penny. She now is asking important questions about salvation and she has problems that only Jesus can solve.

**Jillian Fischer** - God bless. Good job Ava!!

**Carolyn DuBuis** - Beautiful song Ava. You are a blessing to all of us.

**Leo & Arvilla DeVries** - Prayers for our grandson, Steven's, unborn baby who will need heart surgery as soon as he is born.

**Esther Fernandez** - Thank you Tabi for all the help for Naomi's open house. Thank you for all of you who came to celebrate with us. I am so thankful to have such a loving church family. God is so good and awesome. To him all the glory and praise. Ava, I am so proud of you. It was a beautiful song!

**Val Rienks** - Last chemo treatment on Friday, June 30, at 1:15 p.m. Prayers for strength.

**Bill & Jennifer Schick** - Prayers for Bill's dad. He is having a difficult time recovering from surgery. He had part of a lung removed due to lung cancer.

**Pat Beadle** - Beautiful song Ava. You did great!!

# Kids Faith Formation Announcements

## July & August

Summer Cinema starts July 9th for children in preschool through 5th grade. Each week children will watch part or all of a movie and do age-appropriate discussion questions and activities. The classes will meet in the 4th + 5th-grade room to start each week.

**Looking for a place to serve?** We have multiple opportunities open to help during the worship service and our 11 am faith formation hour. Contact the office or Anna Spencer ([aspencer@wesleypark.org](mailto:aspencer@wesleypark.org)) to find out more.

## 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:

**\$17,476**

**(26 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$33,836**

**(27 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$753**

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

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- \* A Bike Repair Truck will be in our parking lot providing tune-ups and basic repairs for kids and families in our community.
- \* New and Gently Used Kids Books will be given away to promote summer reading and greater access to book ownership.

### **We need your help!**

- Donate gently used or new Kids Books.
- Donate funds to purchase books.
- Sign up to help at the event or drop off books at the Welcome Desk.

## **Welcome Representative**

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