

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, July 17	Council, 7 pm	Jayne Schafer	
Tuesday, July 18	Senior Saints, noon Small group study, 6 pm	Carson Gast Rick Jones	
Wednesday, July 19	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Alfredo Fernandez Donna Gress	
Thursday, July 20	Softball tournamont, 6:15 pm	Ben Mosqueda	
Friday, July 21	Youth return	David Mosqueda	
Saturday, July 22	Softball tournamont, 8 am Bike & Books, 10 am		Ken & Linda McKenney
Sunday, July 23	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am		

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

- ❖ The books are piling up in the Welcome Center, each one blessed and ready to be given to a child who comes to the July 22 Bikes and Books day at Wesley Park.
- ❖ School supplies are on our shopping lists, ready to bless the classrooms at Oriole Park Elementary School.
- ❖ The greatest youth group in the universe loaded into vans to go to their Mission Trip, to bless all they meet with the love of Christ.
- ❖ Work is underway to provide a community barbecue and gathering for the August 17 Blessing of the Cars, with free food for all and new friendships and connections with our neighborhood, and a prayer of blessing for every classic car glistening in the parking lot.
- ❖ The Food Truck set up in the air-conditioned Family Life Center in July provided some respite from the heat - a blessing to both volunteers and the guests (143 families, representing just over 600 people) alike.
- ❖ Folks are starting to sign up for Family Promise week at Wesley Park, August 6-12, providing a safe space for up to five families to sleep for the week, without the fear of being separated from one another.
- ❖ Many are considering how to support Circles Grand Rapids, and walk alongside those who are working their way out of poverty.
- ❖ Gary Hodges is mowing; the Tuesday Guys are fixing things each week; the prayer group is praying; meals are being provided to families experiencing change; people are gathering for prayer walks through our neighborhood; the softball team is collecting cash for every error and strikeout to give to a family in need...

We are blessed to have opportunities to bless. This is a core desire by the people who are connected to the church, but also by those who have not yet found a faith community. We are exploring how to include those in our neighborhood with opportunities to extend our hearts and hands. Please pray how God can use our hearts and hands.

Randee Martin

Prayers

Val Rienks - Port removal on Thursday at 9:15 and radiation consult at 10:30.

Alfredo & Esther Fernandez - Thank you Keith for that beautiful song. You sang it so wonderful. Please pray for my brother, Reinaldo, and wife, Consuelito. They are coming from Tampa to visit us on July 13 until the 17th.

Tabi Fischer - Prayers for Nate as we take him to camp today. We hope he has a wonderful week! Prayers for us, the other leaders, and youth as we head to Logan, West Virginia on Saturday for our mission trip. Jillian heads to Welsey Woods on Sunday for her week at camp. I pray she has a safe and fun time. Awesome sermon, Pastor Dean!

Freddi Angus - Wedding blessings to my grandson, Ian, and his bride, Sarah. I am a very happy grandma. Also, Hunter leaves for Germany on July 18. Travel prayers for me. I leave for Canada July 14. Thank you.

Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen - Keith, love to hear you sing! Thank you for sharing your gift. Dean, I really enjoyed your suitcase sermon and looking forward to the rest of the series. Your sermon touched me!

Barb Schondelmayer - Your singing was so beautiful, Keith.

John & Kathy Challa - Thank you Keith. It was beautiful!

Pat Beadle - Thank you Pastor Dean. Glad I heard your message today!

Anonymous - Prayers for the family of John Baker who passed away. He was nephew of Lois Bowyer and step-brother of Ron Thompson.

Lynda Edsall - Prayers for Jane Jackson (Eloise Ranney's sister). She broke her arm and is in rehab. She is 98 years old and one of God's true blessings.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Prayers for Kris Riva's surgery on Tuesday for a broken wrist. Thank you Keith for the beautiful music.

Nancy Carpenter - Please pray for those without power and the food they may have lost, damage to homes, and vehicles. Praise God for the good weather while people are without a/c.

Jayne Schafer - Praise God! My sister, Arla, had a successful kidney transplant last Sunday. Prayers for continued healing and strength and that she continues to accept the new kidney.

Peg Pittenger - Please pray for my young adult nieces, Courtney Basik and Michelle Vieth. Their "daddy", Karl Vieth, is in his last days on earth. Prayers that Hospice can keep Karl comfortable as he transitions to his heavenly home.

Al Pittenger - Keith - what powerful low notes you have. Thank you for sharing God's gift with us.

Prayers

Julie Riemersma - Prayers for my step-mom, Arla. She got a kidney transplant. Thank you, Lord. Prayers for those still cleaning up after the storm. Please keep them safe. Great message Pastor Dean. Very powerful!

Marilyn Knapp - Thank you Keith for singing such a beautiful message for us.

Ann Bellgraph - Prayers for those suffering from the effects of the storm.

Jan McCreery - Please pray for our son, Jeremiah. He has surgery on July 28. They will biopsy for cancer then.

Myrtle Hartzog - Thanks for the laughs. We all need that.

Joan Boyd - What a great sermon!! Thank you, Pastor!

Susan Kaminski - Thank you Pastor Dean for a great sermon!

Family Promise

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will be the week of August 6, 2017. It takes many hands and hearts to make each Family Promise week work. Please check your calendars and prayerfully consider donating some time to our guests. The Signup Genius site is now up and running. To sign up online, please use the following link: www.goo.gl/Ba88CD.

Kelly Olsen and MaryAnn Keyes will be at the Welcome Desk between service and Faith Formation each Sunday if you need assistance.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$19,124

(28 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$32,188

(25 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$213**

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United Methodist Women

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Facial tissue	Playdough
Large glue sticks (Elmers)	Scissors
Spiral notebooks (single subject)	Loose leaf paper
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