

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, July 18	Council, 7 pm	Carson Gast Rick Jones Makenzie Wilder	
Tuesday, July 19	Senior Saints, noon Rock & Mineral, 6:30 pm	Alfredo Fernandez Donna Gress	
Wednesday, July 20	Women's Prayer, 10 am Worship, 7 pm	Sandra Hunt Ben Mosqueda	
Thursday, July 21	Softball, 6:15 pm Intro to Spanish, 6:30 pm	David Mosqueda	
Friday, July 22		Emma De Vries	Ken & Linda McKenney
Saturday, July 23	Softball, 8 am	Cayden Pattison	
Sunday, July 24	Worship, 10 am Safe Sanctuary, 11 am Steak Fry, 11 am	Shawn Lowing	

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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

July 17, 2016

Prayer at Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Prayer is life-giving. When we pray, we open our hearts to the movement of God's Holy Spirit. We often find direction when we are searching. When we pray, we discover a sense of peace, even when our world feels so chaotic. Prayer helps us find our center again. Prayer reminds us that God is with us.

The Second Friday of each month, people from Wesley Park UMC gather at the home of Freddi Angus. They call themselves "Freddi's Angels" as they pray for the people in our community, and write and send out cards of encouragement and love.

Every Wednesday at 10 am, women from Wesley Park UMC meet in the Cornerstone Room. They have a cup of coffee, catch up with what is happening in their lives, and pray for the people in our community. After their serious time of praying, they lift their spirits with the telling of a joke or two, then head to lunch at Russ's.

Prayer happens in knitting circles, in small groups, in doctor's waiting rooms and by hospital beds, as parents are teaching their children the Lord's Prayer, whenever the staff gather, and in all our times of worship. Prayers are shared by Communication Card, printed in the bulletin, and posted online through our Care Connection group. Each staff person has an area of the church that they pray over every time they are in the building. Prayer is life-giving.

Wednesday's at 7 pm are opportunities to pray in worship. Each week we focus on a particular group of people in our community. We also pray for the Vital Church Initiative, and share the prayers that are on our hearts with someone else, so that we carry the prayers of our neighbor, and our neighbor carries our prayers for the week. We give God thanks, and ask God for direction. We pray through song, and in silence. I encourage you to open your heart and enter into the life-giving gift of prayer.

Rae Dea Martin

Random Acts of Kindness

Ever thought about how to show God's love to the community as a church? On August 14th we will be meeting from 11-12:30 in the Family Life Center to plan a HUGE Random Acts of Kindness event in our community for late August. We will also be doing a smaller community service project each of these Sunday's. These meetings are open to everyone!! Have ideas? Please put them on the enclosed card and make the meetings if you can!! Thank you! The Youth.

Wesley Park Softball

The Wesley Park men's softball team is heading into tournament week this Thursday, July 21. The tournament continues on Saturday. Come out to Orchard Hill Reformed Church, 1465 3 Mile NW to support the team.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$14,300

(28 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$24,350

(24 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$175**

Medical Equipment Available

We have an excess of walkers at the church. We are giving some of them away to the congregation if they have a need for it. Please talk to Anna Rabine or Tabi Fischer if you would like one.

Summer Worship-Plus!

Our 10 am Summer Worship experiences will included a little something extra each week. Please plan to stay after the service to engage your faith.

- First Sunday: Meal
- Second Sunday: Random Acts of Kindness
- Third Sunday: Training
- Fourth Sunday: Faith and Fun Days

Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 7 pm

Wednesdays are Pray Days at Wesley Park UMC. Fill your week with the strength that comes through meeting God in prayer. Beautiful music, guided prayers, shared prayers, and focused prayers are intended to teach us to meet God in the words and the silence between the words. On July 13 the focus of our time of prayer will be on Health Care Professionals. All are welcome!

Summer Faith + Fun Days

Mark your calendars for the Summer Faith + Fun days after the 10 am services:

- ◆ Sunday, July 31st – Cookout + Games at the Park
- ◆ Sunday, August 28th – Picnic at John Ball Zoo

Wesley Park Worship Online

The worship services at Wesley Park UMC are broadcast each week on Periscope. This free app allows anyone from around the world to join us in worship - perhaps even you! Search for @wpworship to tune in. The broadcasts remain viewable for 24 hours after the service.

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