

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, July 24	Faith Formation Group, 6 pm		
Tuesday, July 25	Small group study, 6 pm	Lin Austin Aaliyah Harvey George Peterson	
Wednesday, July 26	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Lucille Eichenberg	
Thursday, July 27	Vern Peck One Pitch Tourney	Deb Hodges Mary Mingledorff Val Rienks	
Friday, July 28			
Saturday, July 29	Young Adult Group, 7 pm	Tom Workman	Andrew & Jess Hughes
Sunday, July 30	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am		Ramon & Esther Blanco

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**.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Family Promise** scheduling and volunteers
- ❖ Drop off **Adopt-a-Classroom** items



Wesley Park Weekly

July 23, 2017

Worship Transition Team Update

Dear friends, our worship transition team has been hard at work these last months! We have been closely monitoring our blended service, seeking input, and maintaining a policy of full honesty in an effort to accurately follow the VCI prescriptions that have been outlined for us.

Our first prescription calls for us to develop a launch strategy for a second service. This process thus far has not been a quick and easy task. Each step has required a great amount of prayer, and patience. We have been working through a series of ten consultation videos by Reverend Cathy Townley, a worship consultant and coach for new start and existing congregations. We recently completed her fourth video.

Our third consultation video called for us to determine the "who" in our community. Who does God want us to serve with this new service? This has required us to be deep in prayer, and patiently await for God to ignite a spark. We had a lot of statistical information. Mission Insite reports gave us information about the demographics surrounding Wesley Park. As we discussed and prayed over this at length, a clear need emerged. We need to get to know our neighbors, not just from a report, but on a personal level. We need bridge events, prayer walks...ways to meet our community and have conversations so we may better understand their needs rather than just assuming we know. Our neighbors are not a number on a page, nor do they fit neatly into a single category of sameness.

Our prayers and research have led us to discover that one of the common characteristics of those in our neighborhood is a desire to do something for others. We seek to create a service that will allow this to flourish. We have felt God's spark. Please continue to pray with us as we continue to get to know our neighbors and plan a service that will be welcoming and will ignite a spark in them as well!

Sara Kropp

Anything But Ordinary, July - September 2nd

11am - Noon -- Every Sunday -- Downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Our summer Adult Faith Formation series will be an in-depth study of the Abrahamic family narratives found in the first and second books of the Bible (Genesis and Exodus). Whether you are a first-time guest or life-long member you are invited to enter into these stories (anew) through our study. This season of the church year (lectionary) is called ordinary time but we want this summer to be Anything But Ordinary for you!

All-Church Study, September 10-October 15

Clip In: Risking Hospitality in Your Church Small Group Book Study
September 10th – Oct 15th

“When are a cyclist and a church alike? The cyclist goes nowhere without balance and momentum. Neither does a church. For the cyclist, the risk begins when he or she clips into the pedals. For a church, the risk comes with balancing attention toward existing members while generating momentum through reaching new people. But when the focus goes from the “functions” of hospitality to creating a culture of hospitality, a church’s growth will shift into high gear.”

If you are interested in facilitating a small group for this study, please contact Anna Spencer (aspencer@wesleypark.org).

Tuesday Night Small Group Book Study

Tuesday, July 18th - August 28th in the Welcome Center 6-7:30 pm Compassion, Justice, and the Christian Life by Robert D. Lupton. Books are \$9 and are available at the Welcome Desk. EBooks are also available through online retailers. **Get your book and sign up at the welcome desk today!** Bookmarks with reading and meeting schedule are there as well.

United Methodist Women Adopt-a-Classroom

As a service project for UMW, we would like to collect the following items for a local elementary school, Oriole Park. Please consider any of the items below and put them in the tub labeled “UMW” in the welcome center. Thank you for all you do!

Disinfectant wipes
Facial tissue
Large glue sticks (Elmers)
Spiral notebooks (single subject)
#2 Pencils
Whiteboard markers (black) skinny
2 pocket Folders
Crayons
Watercolor paint
Tape

Big erasers (no cap ones)
Playdough
Scissors
Loose leaf paper
Square sticky notes
Pencil boxes/pouches
Clipboards
Lanyards
Dollar store gift cards
White card stock

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$19,958

(29 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$31,354

(23 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: \$834

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 Mary Ann Keyes will be at the Welcome Desk between service and Faith Formation each Sunday if you need assistance.

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