

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, July 25	Lay Leadership, 7:15 pm	Linda Austin Aalyiah Harvey George Peterson	
Tuesday, July 26		Lucille Eichenberg	
Wednesday, July 27	Women's Prayer, 10 am Sound Training, 6 pm Worship, 7 pm	Deb Hodges Mary Mingledorff Valerie Rienks Andrew Seim Noah Seim	
Thursday, July 28	Softball, 6:15 pm Intro to Spanish, 6:30 pm		
Friday, July 29		Tom Workman	Andrew & Jessica Hughes
Saturday, July 30			Ray & Esther Blanco
Sunday, July 31	Worship, 10 am Church Picnic, 11 am	Karin Drost	Jim & Conni Bloomer Doug & Jan McCreery

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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 24, 2016

Softball Celebrations

Yesterday, the Wesley Park UMC Men's Softball Team won the year-end tournament! Or... Yesterday, the Wesley Park UMC Men's Softball Team lost the year-end tournament.

The bulletins went to print before we knew the whole story. But whether the team won or lost, there is much more to the story of softball at Wesley Park than that. Softball is a time for people who are no longer kids to act like kids again. There is something healthy to play, and to be on a field, running, sliding, limping, "jumping," and swinging feels like the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost giving us all new life again. Softball players have a mix of humility and competitiveness that allows them to try their best, and to applaud when players on the other team try their best. There is a glorious feeling to watch someone strike the ball and run. The games begin and end in prayer. We may have won. We may have lost. But the fact that we were able to play makes everything about softball worthwhile.

This coming Thursday will be the year-end Vern Peck One-Pitch Tournament. Vern Peck was a long-time softball player in this church league. He, like Marv Tanis, Larry Harr, Brad Osburn and so many others, helped to promote a Christian sense of fellowship and fun. Vern died on the softball field from a heart attack years ago. His love of softball is a constant reminder of why we play. The tournament at the close of each year is a true celebration. Each batter only gets one pitch. If it's a ball it's a walk. If it's a strike, they are out. If they hit the ball it's either a hit or a play in the field. The games go fast, barely giving the players enough time to eat all the hotdogs that are cooking on the grill!

The Softball Team would like to especially thank those who came out to watch and cheer, and talk and visit. Some games there were more children and family present than players. It's encouraging, and yet another way we give God thanks for the gift of softball. Win or lose, whatever you can do, keep on playing.

Ray DeArshin

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 has one more night of games, Thursday, July 28. Come out to Orchard Hill Reformed Church, 1465 3 Mile NW for the Vern Peck One Pitch Tournament. Games start at 615 pm

Church Picnic

Please invite your friends and join us after church July 31st at **Ideal Park** (5843 Chippen Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49548) for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship! We have reserved the open shelter for the afternoon and the park is just a 10 minute drive from the church. All are welcome to attend. **Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and your own place settings. Hot dogs, chips, and lemonade will be provided.**

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.

