

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, August 1	Trustees, 6:30 pm		Chuck & Donna Gress
Tuesday, August 2	Primary election, 7 am		
Wednesday, August 3	Women's Prayer, 10 am Sound Training, 6 pm Worship, 7 pm	Angel Najar	
Thursday, August 4	LaRee Ellens, 10 am Food truck, 5 pm	Aislinn Droski Alan Wright	
Friday, August 5		Steven Carruthers Mitch Reidel	
Saturday, August 6		Terry Losinger	
Sunday, August 7	Worship, 10 am VCI lunch, 11 am	Tim Fischer Claire Halstead Pauline Shinn	Eric & Aimee Terry

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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 31, 2016

## A Compassionate Tone

The political conventions have now ended, but the season of politics continues. Yes, there are exactly 100 days until the election, and during this time the political temperature will increase. Campaigns will drag their opponents down while trying to lift their candidate up. The candidates will present arguments to show that their plans for the future will bring peace and prosperity. There will be debates between those who are running for office, and between their supporters. Talking heads on television will engage in name-calling, exaggerations, and creative manipulation. Advertisements will be carefully shot to convey the message the candidates hope will garner your vote.

Politics will be shared around dinner tables and on social media. Folks will post their thoughts and feelings on Facebook. The morning coffee with friends will include assessments of world affairs and opinions of solutions. In the next 100 days, people will have strong feelings about the future and will act and react in accord with the seriousness a national election deserves.

As you consider the tone you will maintain, please show compassion and love to all. I pray that it will be helpful to reflect on the words from John Wesley's October 3, 1774 journal, written less than three weeks before Henry Middleton of South Carolina was elected president of the First Continental Congress, who served for four days:

**I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:**

- 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.**
- 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against.**
- 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.**

*Ra. 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

Thank you to everyone for coming out to support the softball team during the season. They finished the tournament last week in third place. It was a fantastic end to a great season.

## Church Picnic

Please invite your friends and join us after church July 31st at **Ideal Park** (5843 Crippen 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.

# Prayers

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