

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, August 14	Launch Team, 6:30 pm Finance, 7 pm	Marsha Soest	Earl & Sally Morrow
Tuesday, August 15	Senior Saints, noon Small Group Study, 6 pm		Tim & Tabi Fischer
Wednesday, August 16	Women's Prayer, 10 am Blessing of the Animals, 7 pm	Tena Podein	
Thursday, August 17		Jessica Schick	Jerry & Pam Hoag Artie & Kristie Howland
Friday, August 18	Family Camp Weekend Freddi's Angels, 6:30 pm	Collin Chambers	
Saturday, August 19		Aubrianna Gast Tom Young	
Sunday, August 20	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am	Dominyck Folkert Janice Thompson Griffin Urrutia	

## 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**.
- ❖ **Blessing of the Cars**, August 24 Water Donation, or volunteer August 26.
- ❖ **Circles of Grand Rapids**, sign-up if interested in connecting.
- ❖ Drop off **Adopt-a-Classroom** items



# Wesley Park Weekly

August 13, 2017

## The Summer Suitcase

### 8 Reasons Why You Love Your Pet ([www.redbarninc.com](http://www.redbarninc.com))

1. They know just how to cheer you up when you're feeling down.
2. You never have to worry about a cuddle buddy.
3. Being silly is part of their daily to-do list.
4. They've seen you at the oddest angles and still think you're beautiful.
5. Your safety is always on their mind.
6. They're always happy to see you.
7. Even when they're at their worst, you can't help but love them.
8. Let's be honest, your pet is the best pet out there (and ours is, too).

Our next **Celebrating the Neighborhood** event is the **Blessing of the Animals** on Wednesday, August 16 beginning at 7 pm. All pets and animals are welcome as long as they bring along a human companion and have a leash or a way to help keep them safe and contained. We will gather together in the fenced-in area by the parking lot and Michael Street. You may want to bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, we will move everything into the Family Life Center.

We will celebrate the special place animals hold in the heart of God, and the blessing of companionship they provide for all who are entrusted to their care. I am honored to bless each and every animal and give to each family a card of blessing to act as a reminder of this day.

Spread the word! All of God's four-legged, two-winged, two-legged (or other) creations are welcome!

*Rae Dea Martin*

## Anything But Ordinary, July - September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**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 10<sup>th</sup> – Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

“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](mailto:aspencer@wesleypark.org)).**

## New Wesley Park Shirts

Stop by the Welcome Desk to check out the new Wesley Park gear. We currently have t-shirts size adult small-XL for \$10 and 2XL for \$13 and polo shirts size adult small-XL for \$15 and 2XL for \$18. We also have children sized t-shirts from small to XL for \$10. Show your Wesley Park pride and get your shirt today! We accept cash, check, and debit/credit card.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$21,569**

**(32 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$29,743**

**(21 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$1075**

## United Methodist Women Adopt-a-Classroom

As a service project for UMW, we would like to collect items for a local elementary school, Oriole Park. There will be a list of items needed at the Welcome Desk. This is going to be an ongoing fundraiser for the school throughout the year. Please consider donating some items and put them in the tub labeled “UMW” in the welcome center. Thank you for all you do!

## Senior Saints

Senior Saints will be meeting this Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Carolyn DuBuis is providing lasagna. Please see her after the service if you are willing to bring a salad or dessert. Mark your communication card with “lasagna” if you are planning on attending.

## Blood Pressure Checks

Come see Jessica Hughes in the Family Life Center after service to get your blood pressure checked. She will be sitting by one of the tables between service and Faith Formation.

## Prayers

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