

| Date                    | Event   | Birthdays                                    | Anniversaries                              |
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| Monday,<br>August 22    | Shepherd Training, 6 pm<br>Lay Leadership, 7 pm | Josie Waite                                  | Terry & Janice<br>Thompson                 |
| Tuesday,<br>August 23   | UMW, 6:30 pm                                    | David Fisher<br>Molly Jeltema                | Jon & Cindy Rice<br>Lynn & John Vanderlugt |
| Wednesday,<br>August 24 | Women's Prayer, 10 am<br>Worship, 7 pm          |  |  |
| Thursday,<br>August 25  | Spanish, 6:30 pm                                | Betty Stoutjesdyk                            | Chuck & Janice Starnes                     |
| Friday,<br>August 26    |   | Norah Vieau<br>Maudy Williams                |  |
| Saturday,<br>August 27  |   | Peggy Turner                                 | Jack & Mary Boyer                          |
| Sunday,<br>August 28    | Worship, 10 am<br>Zoo, 11 am                    | Daelene Jager<br>Zeb Losinger<br>Bruce Payne | Al & Marie Van Essen                       |

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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 Weekly

August 21, 2016

## Hospitality at Wesley Park UMC

One of the sacred covenants of faith, from the earliest stories in the Old Testament to today, is hospitality. It matters how we treat those who come into our care. Extravagant signs of love, comfort, acceptance, and inclusion are a reflection of the kinds of ways that God welcomes all of us. If we fail to welcome the stranger, or withhold our finest from the traveler, or choose not to provide a cup of cold water to the thirsty, we are in effect choosing not to honor God.

For this reason, I hope you will choose to stay after worship today, to learn how we can show radical hospitality to all. We will learn how to greet guests with joy, how to usher folks into the holy sanctuary, how to ready ourselves to meet Christ in those who come to Wesley Park, and practical ways to be welcoming to all.

If you feel a calling to participate more formally in a ministry of hospitality, please contact the office or reach out to the following people:

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| ✠ Communion Ministry: Kathy Swanson               | ✠ Shepherd Ministry: Rev. Dean N. Prentiss               |
| ✠ Faith Formation Ministry: Anna Spencer          | ✠ Snow Ministry: Pam Osborn                              |
| ✠ Greeter Ministry: Lynda Edsall                  | ✠ Usher Ministry: Chuck Starnes                          |
| ✠ Membership and Baptism Ministry: Mary Ann Keyes | ✠ Visiting Congregational Care Ministry: Janice Thompson |
| ✠ Music Ministry: Phil Pletcher                   | ✠ Welcome Desk Ministry: Duane Volkers                   |
| ✠ Nursery Ministry: Phyllis Prentiss              | ✠ Youth Ministry: Eric Terry                             |

*Rev. Dean N. Prentiss*

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$17,433**

**(32 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$21,217**

**(20 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$694**

## Family Promise Week

Our next opportunity to help our friends at Family Promise will be the week of September 4. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this very worthwhile project. You could volunteer your time or donate food for one of days that week. It takes all of us together to make the project work each time that we have guests. Mary Ann Keyes and Kelly Olsen will be in the Welcome Center each week after worship from now until the end of August if you need help signing up. Or use the Signup Genius website (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AA5A62EA1FD0-wesley1>) to sign yourself up to help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mary Ann Keyes at 532-6361.

## Wesley Park United Methodist Women

The next United Methodist Women meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 6:30pm. Please meet in the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center and bring a snack to share. It is going to be a planning meeting for the upcoming year.

## Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 7 pm

Please join us for our last Wednesday night Pray day. We will have a blessings of the Animals on August 24th. Bring you dog, cat, snake, turtle, etc and we will bless them. All are welcome!

## Summer Faith + Fun Days

On Sunday, August 28th, after the worship service, we will be going to John Ball Zoo after church! We will gather on the grounds outside the zoo to do a picnic and then go in together. The church will provide chips, cookies, lemonade, and water for the picnic. Admission at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children if you do not already have a membership to the zoo. Talk with Anna Spencer ([aspencer@wesleypark.org](mailto:aspencer@wesleypark.org)) if the cost is a barrier to attending. We would love to have you join us!

## Random Acts of Kindness

Free Car Wash!! Free Cooling Station!! Free snacks and water!! Free parking!! Wesley Park is offering all this goodness on Saturday, August 27th from noon - 5:00 pm to our community during the Metro Cruise. Here is what you can do to show your love:

- \* Bring donations of bottled water and snack size chips to the church between now and the 27th.
- \* Be at Wesley Park the day of the event starting at 11:30 am to help.
- \* Both 1 and 2!

Much love and thank you. The RAK committee

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