

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, September 12	Trustees, 6:30 pm Finance, 7 pm	Sara Kropp	Duane & Carol Rowson
Tuesday, September 13	SPRC, 5:30 pm		
Wednesday, September 14	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Alison Reidel Kathy Swanson	Mitch & Laura Reidel Jerry & Tonya Seim
Thursday, September 15	Chancel Choir, 6 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Laura Graham Wendy Harr	
Friday, September 16		Isabella Burtchett Pat Carruthers	Gary & Deb Hodges
Saturday, September 17		Bill Van Dalsen	
Sunday, September 18	Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am Worship, 11 am Bus trip meeting, 2 pm	Ryan Bengtson Scott Hepp	

## Wesley Park Rummage Sale, October 1

The fall rummage sale to help the youth fund will be Saturday, Oct. 1st from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Donations can be dropped off any time to the downstairs youth rooms. We can pick up anything that needs a truck and trailer on Friday, Sept. 30th. Call or text Eric at 616-446-7679 or email at [eterry@wesleypark.org](mailto:eterry@wesleypark.org) if you need a pick-up up. Reminder, we take everything!!! Your donations and support will go toward the 2017 Youth Mission Trip. Please spread the word  
Much love and thanks! The Wesley Park Youth



# Wesley Park Weekly

September 11, 2016

## A New Season

Welcome to a new season at Wesley Park United Methodist Church! Not only have our worship times changed, but so has our focus for our 11 am service. Based on John 13:14-15, the 11 am service is called **The Example**. It will focus on how we "Do" ministry, with something hands-on for us each week in response to The Example of Jesus Christ.

This new season also calls everyone from Wesley Park to engage in the Vital Church Initiative. Our first opportunity is an all-church book study. Sign up for a small group today. These very important discussions in groups of 12 or less begin the week of September 18. Our study will be on the book Who Stole My Church and will be accompanied by a six-week sermon series. **It is important that every person who is able participates.** Your voice is essential to our growing together.

You can sign up for the small groups, purchase a book, and do lots of other things at the **Welcome Desk, located in the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center**. The Welcome Desk is where you can pick up your name tag, ask questions, find information, make contributions and purchases, and stay connected. The Welcome Desk will be staffed with a helper throughout our Sunday time together.

The name tags that are prepared for you are color-coded based on your last name. A Shepherd will watch over each group, staying connected and keeping you in prayer. When you sign up for your name tag, you will have the option of letting the Shepherd know if you would like to be contacted by phone, mail, email, or not contacted at all. **Name tags are for everyone** - long-time members and first-time guests! Stop by the Welcome Desk today. Please return your name tag at the kiosk at the exits so they will be ready for you the next time you come to church.

*Rae Dea Martin*

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$20,541**

**(35 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$18,109**

**(17 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$674**

## Children's Choir

Calling all young singers! The children's choir is getting ready to begin rehearsal's and we need you. Rehearsal's will start at 9:50 and end at 10:15. Children attending the 9 am service will be excused by Pastor Dean from service for practice. Dates for praising God in worship with music are as follows:

◆ October 2 (Rehearse 9/11, 9/18, 9/25); November 6 (Rehearse 10/16, 10/23, 10/30); December 11 - Christmas program (Rehearse 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11); January 29 (Rehearse 1/8, 1/15, 1/22); March 5 (Rehearse 2/12, 2/19, 2/26); April 16 (Rehearse 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9); May 14 (Rehearse 4/23, 4/30, 5/7)

## October Movie Night

Save the Date! On Saturday, October 15th at 6:30 pm we will be hosting Movie Night in the FLC. We will be watching Monsters Inc. together! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Popcorn! Cider! Donuts! Fun for all!

## Easy Tithe Works!

Giving is a snap! Just download the app! Go to the App Store for your phone and search for Easy Tithe. Download the app and fill in your information. Enter the Zip Code 49509 and you will find Wesley Park UMC. Now you can give when you want, how you want using the debit or credit card information you entered or by taking a photo of a check. If you have any questions, ask the Welcome Desk helper.

## All-Church Book Study and Small Group

We will be starting an exciting 6-week series September 18th - October 23rd. The sermon series and small group study will be based on the book Who Stole My Church, by Gordon MacDonald. Books are available now for \$9 (see Anna Spencer or go to the Welcome Desk) or you can get a digital copy on Amazon for \$5.99.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to interact with the material through sermons, reading the book, and participating in a small group for the duration of the series. Our hope is that this study will help us as we embrace the Vital Church Initiative (VCI) process.

Sign up today at the Welcome Desk for a small group. These groups will be held at a variety of times and locations in order to fit a variety of schedules.

## Sermon Series Begins September 18

The theme for the first week of our Who Stole My Church sermon series is: Looking Back. Think about all the great things that we used to do. We will celebrate and reflect. Our scripture focus will be Hebrews 13:8.

## September 11 Begins Kid's Faith Formation!

Today is the day! Kid's Faith Formation classes begin today! For the youngest children, we have a welcoming nursery. Children from age 3 to 5th grade are invited to participate in exciting developmentally appropriate classes. Classrooms are on the main level, down the Little Lambs hallway at the South end of the building.

For youth, Eric Terry hosts a Bible Study during our 10am Faith Formation time as well. Adults, don't worry, we didn't forget about you! Sign up today for Starting in our All Church 6-week Who Stole My Church Book Study + Small Groups. These groups meet beginning the week of September 18.

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