

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, September 18	Council, 7 pm	Ryan Bengston Scott Hepp	
Tuesday, September 19	Clip-In Bible Study, 11 am Clip-In Bible Study, 6 pm	Judy Colley	
Wednesday, September 20	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm	Nicole Gibbard Evan Graham	
Thursday, September 21	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm	Naomi Blanco Eleanor Rushton Avery Terry	
Friday, September 22			
Saturday, September 23		Kim Peterson	
Sunday, September 24	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am	Mike Beck Levi Bodziak Hadley 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**.
- ❖ **Circles of Grand Rapids**, sign-up if interested in connecting.
- ❖ Drop off **Adopt-a-Classroom** items



Wesley Park Weekly

September 17, 2017

The Pastor's Page

During the season of Lent we looked through the windows into the garden, imagining what it would be like if that area was designated as a sacred Memorial Garden with a columbarium. The Trustees listened to your questions, and began their work on a proposal. The Memorial Garden proposal was presented to the Finance Committee and the Council and was affirmed. Wesley Park UMC now has a space designated as a Memorial Garden in the area between the sanctuary and Family Life Center.

Information about the Memorial Garden and columbarium is at the Welcome Desk. Please pick up the flier and application and let us know if you have questions. Additionally, Glen Haight has put together an informational video that can be viewed anytime on our church website. Glen has also brought a sample niche, and a mock-up of what the columbarium will look like. Please stop by the Welcome Desk and take a look, ask Glen your questions, and thank him for his time and abilities.

The Memorial Garden will be self-sustaining. It will not be a part of our budget, but will be supported in a variety of ways: by those who sign up to reserve a space for their ashes, by purchasing a paver stone with the imprint of a name or date of your choosing, by the purchase of a leaf on a Tree of Life, or by donations designated for the Memorial Garden.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23

Randee R. H. H.

Prayers

Peg Pittenger - Please pray for my Florida family. My 4 sisters, Shirley, Debra, Mary, and Laura, my brother, Eric, and their spouses, Dwight, Doug, Robin, and Beth. Prayers for my nieces, Courtney, Britney, Michelle, Holly, Carrie, Joshua, Christopher, and their spouses, Drew and Cody. I have a great niece and great nephew along with cousins, Stanley and Judy and Bob and Donna.

Maynard Culver - Prayers for all who are being hit by tornadoes, floods, fires, and earthquakes.

Gordon & Nancy Spalenka - Prayers for Claire Bronkema who lives in Florida.

Chuck & Jane Johnson - Prayers for granddaughter, cousins, and friends in Florida and Georgia.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Prayers for Margaret Boorsma for healing. Great Sermon Dean.

Donna Doornbos - Bernie Doornbos is having his second cochlear replacement on Thursday.

Alan & Susan Wright - Prayers for Anita Vogel as she mourns the 1st anniversary of her husbands passing.

Brian & Judy Hepp - Prayers of safety for my mom and brother who are riding out the storm. Prayers for everyone else in the path of the storm.

Ross & Erin Vanderlaan - Prayers for Erin's cousin, Steven, as he is an electric lineman working to help restore the power after the hurricane. He is currently in the path of hurricane Irma.

Tena Podein - Prayers deeply for our fellow brothers and sisters in harms way. Dean, great sermon. Thank you for combining our study book with God's book. It was totally relatable.

Luann Hoffman - Prayers for all who are affected by Hurricane Irma.

June Jones - Prayers for all the people of Florida. Prayers for my sister, Pat, brother, Doug, sister-in-law, Shirley, and my nieces and nephews.

Pat Johnson - Prayers for my granddaughter, Kelsey, who is coming home from Florida hopefully Monday. Pray that God will keep her safe. So wonderful to have the choir back!

Ava Kropp - I pray for people who are in Irma.

Abby Reidel - I pray for everyone because everyone is struggling with something. If you put your trust in God you know He is there and you can make some of that pain go away. God loves everyone.

Anna & Ali Reidel - I pray for everyone in Texas and in Florida and hope they are all safe.

Darlene Pinder - Choir sounded great!

Esther Fernandez - Please pray for my niece, Becky, who is going through radiation. She was in the hospital with a very high fever. Thank you so much for all your prayers.

Faith Formation Class For Everyone

Nursery: This is available for ages newborn to 35 months from 9:30 am - noon. Please see Skyler Maitner our Child Advocate with any questions.

Children's Faith Formation: Classes are divided into ages groups with age appropriate bible study. The 3 different classes are Preschool-Kindergarten, 1st-3rd Grade, and 4th-5th Grade. These classes meet all year around with various themes. Please see Anna Spencer our Faith Formation Director or stop by the Welcome Desk for more information.

Youth: We have Sunday youth group that meets all year around downstairs from 11am-noon. There is also Wednesday night youth group from 6pm-7:30pm. This class meets during the school year. Please see Eric Terry our Youth Director or stop by the Welcome Desk for more information.

Adults: We currently have an all church bible study around the book titled, "Clip-In". This bible study starts today and runs until October 15. There are many different day's and times. Please stop by the Welcome Desk to see when the different classes are being held.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$25,005

(37 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$21,642

(16 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$645**

1st Annual Vendor/Craft Fair

Wesley Park Youth will be hosting it's 1st Annual vendor/craft fair on Saturday, November 25, 2017. This particular Saturday is commonly known as "Small Business Saturday". The fair will run from 9am-3pm. Each vendor will receive a 10' x 10' or 5' x 10' booth. We will be renting the larger booths for \$25 with the use of a 6' table or \$20 if you will be bringing your own. The smaller booths will rent for \$15 with the use of a 6' table or \$10 if you bring your own. Space is going to be limited. You can contact Tabi (616-988-6738) or Erin (616-745-6490) with any questions. We will be having a bake sale the same and would like to get some donations of our church families fantastic baked goodies. Booth rental proceeds will go to purchase toys for the Family Promise Christmas Store.

Senior Saints

There is going to be a change of date for the Senior Saints lunch this month. Due to a scheduling conflict, it has been rescheduled to September 26th at noon. On the menu will be chicken pot pie. Please mark your communication card with "senior saints" if you are able to attend.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will meet at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 29. Susan Hewitt, who serves on the National UMW Program Advisory Group, will present the program titled, "Water", one of the Climate Justice issues. All women are invited to attend. Childcare is provided.

Prayers

Gayle Poertner - Prayers for my friend, Ruth, her son and family who are in St. Martin which was devastated by Irma.

Marilyn Knapp - My family members are right in the center of the Florida storm. I can't communicate with them but I'm asking the Lord to save them physically and spiritually.

Lauren Hall - Thank you for being so inviting towards a stranger. The service was beautiful. The compassion song and Count on Me were absolutely divine. Please pray for my family in the southern states.

Pat & Keith Warren - Thanks to Barb Knaffle for weeding in the garden area.

Shirley Diederiks - Pray for my son, Tim. He started a very new medication last Wednesday for Psoriasis. He has had it since he was 13 years old. We are praying this will be the one that helps. It is really painful. Thank you. God bless.

Barb DeCan - Prayers for the family of the mother who has been missing for a week now. Thank you choir, Liz, and Dave.

Freddi Angus - Prayers for Margaret Boorsma. I will be in Canada for the next two Sundays. Thank you for all the stamps and cards supporting the Angels.

Nancy Carpenter - Prayers for all affected by hurricanes, wildfires, and earthquakes. May this be a call to love and accept all of God's people.

Kathy DenHollander - Prayers for all those affected by the storms. My family in Oregon and Washington are affected by the fires. My nephew is in a city that will be the next to evacuate depending on the wind. The fire was started by teens. There's been rain once in 90 days.

Damary Lofgren - Thank you choir!! Choir season is my favorite season. Prayers of safe keeping for my family members in Florida. Thankful my family members in Puerto Rico weathered the storm.

Myrtle Hartzog - So good to have the choir back.

Kathy Swanson - The Oriole Park staff is extremely grateful for the wealth of school supplies donated. Thank you so much!

Susan Kaminski - Pray for my brother who lives in Port Charlotte and wouldn't leave his home. He's in a wheelchair as well. His daughter lives in North Port.

Prayers for the following people in Florida: Jeff, April, Logan, and Kathryn Driesenga; Tammy and daughter; Mason Freeman, Connor Freeman, Darci Freeman, and Monica Lionheart; Maddy and Gary Garvin; Darlene's son, grandson, and wife and also granddaughter; Jim, Sara, and Tyler Eckert; Savanna Fenior and family; Nancy and Steve Jeltema; Jennifer Cronk and family; Jay and Judy Collier; Tim and Judy and grandchildren; Claire B; Dave and Maureen.

Youth Group Happenings

Wednesday Youth Group

Join Eric this Wednesday, 6 - 7:30 pm downstairs in the "couch room". We will be discussing different themes that were introduced in the movie "I'm not Ashamed". The movie is based on the journal entries of Columbine Hi Wednesday night youth group meets all school year long.

Sunday Morning Youth Group

Please join Eric down stairs in the "couch room" in the youth hallway from 11am-noon every Sunday for a bible study and discussion (and maybe a few shenanigans).

Mission Trip 2018

Eric will hold a vote for the destination of the 2018 youth mission trip during Sunday youth group at 11 am on September 24. If you are 8th grade and above, you are eligible to go next summer.

Looking Ahead

Please let Eric or Erin know if you would like to participate in the 2018 dinner theatre which will be held in March of 2018 by September 24th.

Fall Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again to start cleaning out your garages, closets, cupboards, etc. The youth are holding their fall rummage sale on Saturday, September 30 from 8am-2pm. If you know you are going to be needing a pick up from your home, please contact Eric Terry to schedule it. You can bring your items in to the church beginning September 25 during office hours or Friday evening beginning at 5 pm.

Music Ministry Fall Kickoff

Chancel Choir: If you like to sing in 4-part harmony chancel choir is the place for you! We are in need of members in ALL sections. Do you love to sing but need some support around you? You will have a section of sopranos, altos, tenors, or basses surrounding you to lift you up and encourage you as you gain confidence. Reading music is helpful, but NOT necessary! Pitch matching works equally as well. If you don't know what section you belong in, I can help with that. Please join us this Thursday! It is not about skill, or technique, though we strive for that as much as we can, but about singing with our hearts and lifting up His word in song. It is a beautiful way to minister to the congregation. Prayerfully consider if you would like to be a part of this group.

Children's Choir Opportunity for Adults: Kristen and I are in need of at least one other person to help with children's choir this year. Primarily we need an additional person to be present and help corral children and keep them on task, meet with them on Sunday mornings that they sing, etc. If you play piano, that would be a bonus. Children's choir meets right after service for about 20 minutes, wrapping up before the start of faith formation. We rehearse for 3-4 weeks prior to performances, and most of the time we have a week or two break in between sessions. I am looking to start rehearsals for the children later in September, perhaps the 17th or 24th.

Children's Choir for the Kids!: Any children ages 3 years old to 5th grade are welcome in children's choir. See above for more info on practice times. I will put out a schedule for the year closer to the first rehearsal date. We have a Facebook page for the children's choir where information is relayed. (If you don't have Facebook we would be happy to contact you other ways) If you are interested let me know ahead of time if you want to be added to the group.