

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, September 19	Council, 7 pm	Judy Colley	
Tuesday, September 20	Senior Saints, Noon Rock & Mineral, 6:30 pm	Nicole Gibbard	
Wednesday, September 21	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Naomi Blanco Avery Terry	
Thursday, September 22	Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm		
Friday, September 23		Kim Peterson	
Saturday, September 24		Mike Beck Levi Bodziak Hadley Urrutia	
Sunday, September 25	Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am Worship, 11 am	Kyran Vieau	



# Wesley Park Weekly

September 18, 2016

## Looking Back

"Do you remember when we used to do...?"

"Why don't we ever do \_\_\_ anymore?"

"I remember when this church started! It was standing room only!"

Let us look back today, and celebrate the many blessings we have experienced. And, let us consider the Life Cycle of the church, and the promise of resurrection, new birth, and life! God is so good, yesterday, today, and forever.



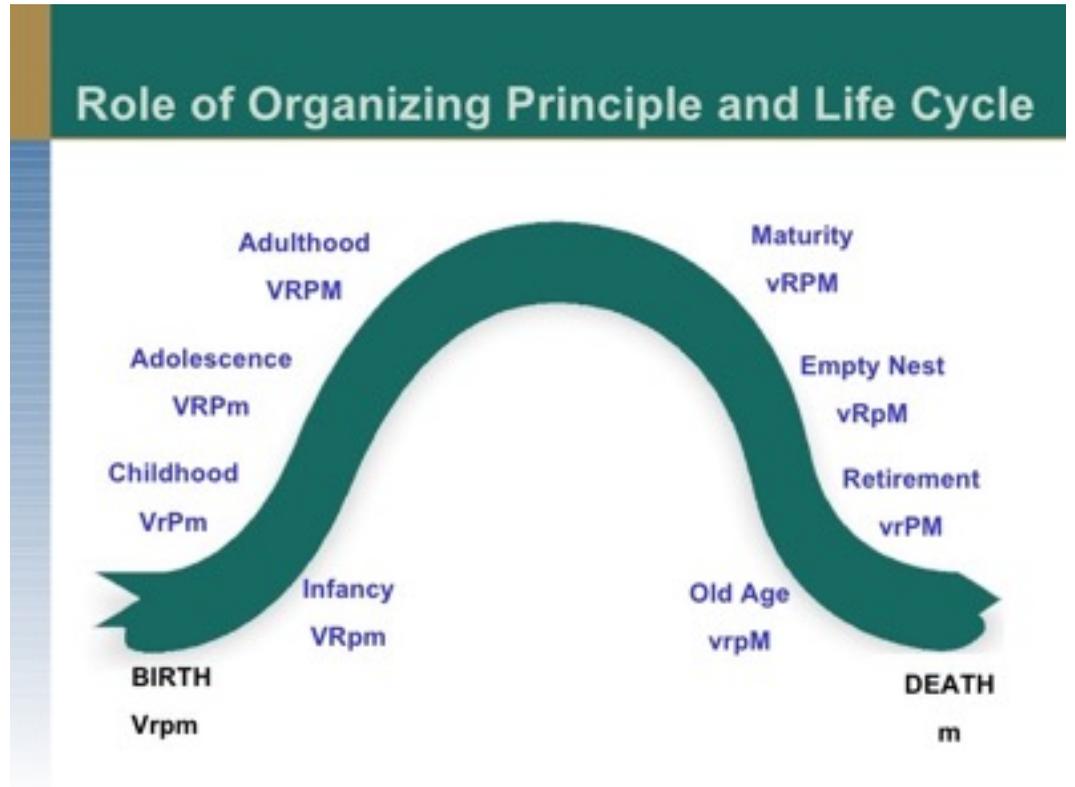
Wesley Park  
United Methodist Church

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# Hello!

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center and pick up your Name Tag! You can leave your name tag in the baskets by the church exits on your way out. Enjoy getting to know one another!



## 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. 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

### 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 9/18, 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 this week. 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 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.

Have you signed up yet for our [Who Stole My Church 6-Week Study](#)? It's not too late! See Anna Spencer or someone at the welcome desk to sign up today!

### Sermon Series September 25

The theme for the second week of our Who Stole My Church sermon series will be: Looking Around. Let us look at how the world has changed over time, and some of the ways we express our faith has changed as well. Our scripture focus will be Isaiah 43:1-7, 18-21.

### Kid's Faith Formation!

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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