

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, October 2	Trustees, 6:30 pm		
Tuesday, October 3	Clip-In Bible Study, 11 am Clip-In Bible Study, 6 pm	Pat Beadle Lois Bowyer Don Diederiks	
Wednesday, October 4	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:30 pm Kitchen Team, 6:30 pm	Sandy Knoester Bev Sleesman	
Thursday, October 5	Knitting group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm		Bill & Peggy Kirby
Friday, October 6	Wedding Rehearsal, 5 pm		
Saturday, October 7	Wedding, 1 pm	Chuck Starnes Jordan Vander Woude	
Sunday, October 8	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am	Scott Maynard	Brad & Janel Folkert

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!
- ✦ **Circles of Grand Rapids**, sign-up if interested in connecting.
- ✦ Drop off **Adopt-a-Classroom** items



Wesley Park Weekly

October 1, 2017

The Pastor's Page

Today is World Communion Sunday, which started in 1940 as an interdenominational event.

What is World Communion Sunday?

World Communion Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. World Communication Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering provides scholarships for U.S. (racial- and ethnic-minority) and international students. Students who receive scholarships study in a wide variety of fields: family pastoral care, Christian-Muslim relations, clinical psychology, peace and governance, crop production, law, health, rural development and more.

When do we celebrate World Communion Sunday?

United Methodists celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October.

How does The United Methodist Church distribute the offerings received on World Communion Sunday?

The treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration distributes net receipts, after payment of promotional expenses, to the administering agencies:

- World Communion Scholarships: 50 percent (General Board of Global Ministries), with at least one-half of the annual amount for ministries beyond the United States
- Ethnic Scholarship Program: 35 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)
- Ethnic In-Service Training Program: 15 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)

Thank you for supporting World Communion Sunday, and for keeping world peace in your heart as we share in the bread and cup of Holy Communion this day.

You can find additional information at www.umcsgiving.org

Ra. Dea. Martin

Prayers

Chuck & Donna Gress - Thank you Liz for the beautiful music you played prior to the start of the service. It was fantastic!!!

Val Rienks - The house where my mother-in-law, Phyllis, has her apartment has sold and she has learned she has to move. More specifics to come.

Paulette Meyers - Praise! Happy 90th birthday to my mom, Lois Bowyer, on October 3rd.

Kathy DenHollander - My family in Oregon and Washington are ok from the fires. Thank you for the prayers. Prayers for our country. Prayers for my friend, Karen, who was recently diagnosed with Lupus and now this past week she found out that she also has stage 4 breast cancer.

Julie Riemersma - Please pray for my step sister's mom, Jackie. She has cancer and pressure on the brain. They said she only has 3-6 months to live. Please pray for understanding and time to say goodbye for her 4 girls and her grandkids.

Anna Rabine - Jesus loves us! Trust Him always. I love Jesus.

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Our service was wonderful. Help to weave our lives together.

Susan Kaminski - Please pray for the safe arrival of Ryan Kaminski on Saturday from Uganda. He will be home until October 16. Bless him in his work and fundraising.

Jess Hughes - Praise God for a wonderful start for Kindergarten for Connor and a change of preschool for Brennan. Please bless the teachers and everyone who works so hard to teach our children at their schools.

Rich & Linn Austin - Blessings to those who show forgiveness and acceptance to all and to those who find it difficult to forgive.

Jessica Schick - Prayers for Mr. Vanderslice and his family as he suffers through cancer.

Esther Fernandez - Sara, thank you for singing that beautiful song. I love that song and I love you. God bless you and your family. Please pray for Cari Roberts, my friend in Cuba. She needs to know Jesus. She misses Robert so much and I do too. Thank you for your prayers.

Marilyn Knapp - Praise for our Father's leading and working in our Dayton mission's conference. All ages from 8-98 were challenged with the importance of sharing Jesus daily by our giving and our living!

Sally Dear - Pray for healing of friend's eye. She had massive blood vessels behind her eye and had a 3 hour surgery to remove. Her name is Jill.

Jason - Please pray for Heather, a single mom, struggling with various issues. Please pray for me. I'm facing several surgeries and just lost my job.

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.

Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team meeting that was scheduled for October 12 has been reschedule for October 19th at 2 pm. Please let Pastor Dean know if you are unable to make it.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$25,510

(39 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$21,137

(14 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$208**

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