

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, October 3	Trustees, 6:30 pm	Pat Beadle Don Diederiks	
Tuesday, October 4		Bev Slesman	
Wednesday, October 5	Women's Prayer, 10 am Kitchen Committee, 6:30 pm		Bill & Peggy Kerby
Thursday, October 6	LaRee Ellens, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Baton, 5:30pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Mary Beem	
Friday, October 7		Chuck Starnes Jordan Vander Woude	
Saturday, October 8		Scott Maynard	Brad & Janel Folkert
Sunday, October 9	Worship, 9 am Membership Class, 10 am Faith Formation, 10 am Worship, 11 am		

## Verl McManus Funeral Today

Please extend your Christian sympathy and hospitality today for the funeral of Cindy Lang's father, Verl McManus. Visitation, 2 pm, Funeral, 3 pm, Meal, 4 pm.

### 11 am Worship Helpers:

**Greeters:** Lynda Edsall, Duane Frick

**Acolyte:** Angel Nadar

**Sound Tech:** Pat Carruthers

**Video Tech:** Alex Fischer

**Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Jorie Schafer

**Child Advocates:** Phyllis Prentiss, Skyler Maitner

**Musicians:** Phil Pletcher, Erin Vanderlaan, Paula Hartley, Deb Hodges



## Poverty Simulation

I was looking at the bags of food that are being donated and placed near the front of the sanctuary in support of the UCOM County-Wide Food Drive. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Keep them coming until October 9.

Access of West Michigan hosts a Poverty Simulation, to help participants begin to understand what it is like to live in poverty in our community. Perhaps you are interested in giving the food to help alleviate poverty and hunger, as well as giving your time to walk compassionately with those who are struggling. Poverty Simulations are scheduled for Monday, November 7 from 2-4:30 pm, and from 6:30-9 pm at Davenport University. This could not only enrich your understanding and experience, but perhaps also address any feelings of anxiousness you may have prior to election day.

Register at [www.accessofwestmichigan.org](http://www.accessofwestmichigan.org)

The poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from week to week. The object of the experience is to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income people and motivate them to become involved in activities which help reduce poverty in our communities.

In the 2.5 hour simulation, 50 to 75 participants leave their identities at the door and role-play the lives of various family types living in poverty. Volunteer staffers create a community of stores and agencies that families interact with for four 15-minute "weeks."

At the end of the simulation, facilitated discussion allows the group to reflect on their experience in order to gain further understanding, insight, and additional information about resources and how to get involved. To close, participants hear from the volunteer staffers who share their real-life stories of living in poverty.

*Roxanne Martin*

## Food Truck, October 6

Please plan to pray for and help with the Food Truck at Wesley Park October 6 from 5 pm - 7 pm. There is work for all ages and abilities. Come and be a blessing.

## Sermon Series, October 9

The theme for the fourth week of our Who Stole My Church sermon series will be: Looking Around. Let us look at how we consider music and worship styles. Our scripture focus will be Psalm 98, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth..."

## October Movie Night, October 15

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!

## Wesley Park Variety Show, October 23

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes, cook, or any other talent? We need you to sign up for the variety show on October 23, starting at 4 pm. We will also be having our very own "Wesley Park Art Gallery". We want to display any crafts, paintings, drawings, quilts, etc that you have made (these will NOT be for sale). Please fill out the form at the welcome desk to sign up. Contact Cindy Lang (616-531-0862) or Mary Ann Keyes (616-532-6361) if you have any questions. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, October 16th.

## Trunk or Treat at Wesley Park, October 29

Plan now to participate in a neighborhood event at Wesley Park for Halloween - Trunk or Treat. All children are invited to come in costume Saturday, October 29 between 3:30 and 5:30. The congregation is invited to fill the trunks of your cars with decorations and candy and greet each child joyously.

## Membership/Baptism and UMW Sunday, October 30

Are you interested in making a commitment to Christ through Baptism or by making a Profession of Faith and joining the membership of Wesley Park UMC? Please plan to meet with Pastor Dean Prentiss Sundays, October 9, 16, and 23 at 10 am in the Pastor's Study (downstairs). If you are in a small group during this time, please let the office know and another time to meet will be arranged. Membership Sunday is October 30, when we will have one worship service at 10 am, led by the United Methodist Women. The UMW will also provide a lunch following our 10 am October 30 worship service. If you are interested in the membership class, please call the church office or let the office know by your Communication Card.

## Triangle Dinners

Friends, Fellowship, and Food. Triangle Dinners are a great time to get to know more people at Wesley Park. Sign ups are at the Welcome Desk today. Dinners will be October and November, then January through April. The end of season potluck will be in May. Paula Hartley will be at the Welcome Desk after the service.

## Ladies Bible Study at Cindy Lang's

Wednesday's at 7:00 pm, join us for camaraderie, coffee & dessert, and of course, time with our Lord. Please call Cindy Lang, 531-0862 or 822-9679.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$22,327**

**(38 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$16,323**

**(14 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$576**

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