

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, October 9	Launch Team, 6:30 pm Finance Meeting, 7 pm	Matthew Lofgren Jr.	
Tuesday, October 10	Clip-In Bible Study, 11 am SPRC, 5:30 pm Clip-In Bible Study, 6 pm	Brandon Bloomer	
Wednesday, October 11	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:30 pm		
Thursday, October 12	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm	Kylie Droski Chad Gast Adrienne Prentiss	
Friday, October 13	Freddi's Angels, 6:30 pm	Toni Pullen	Charles & Kathy Swanson
Saturday, October 14			
Sunday, October 15	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am	Brian Peterson	

## 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 8, 2017

## The Pastor's Page

Today is Generosity Sunday. Let us give thanks for the sources of wisdom and support in our denomination, including the work of Rev. Wayne Barrett. The following comes from [www.wumciving.org](http://www.wumciving.org) and helps to encourage generous living.

### WE GIVE TO MINISTER IN JESUS' NAME

Together, United Methodists do remarkable ministry around the world. We care for survivors recovering from earthquakes and storms; we invest, long term, in vulnerable communities; we implement the most effective solutions to diseases like malaria; we equip the next generation to lead the church and society. In all of this, we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

The impact of 12.7 million United Methodists, in 136 countries, is phenomenal. Together we witness to the love of Jesus Christ for a hurting world and transform lives and communities in his name.

### WE'RE BLESSING THE WORLD.

In 2015, United Methodists contributed \$374 million to United Methodist benevolent causes such as soup kitchens, clothing drives and other non-United Methodist benevolent causes.

\$22,000,000 was shared by generous United Methodists for disaster response locally and internationally.

### WE'RE BLESSING THE CHURCH.

We are raising up the next generation - to lead the church and to lead society - by developing the gifts of undergraduate and graduate students in the United States and around the world.

I thank God for all the ways you are living a generous life, in the name of Christ.

*Randee Martin*

## Prayers

**Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen** - My great niece, Ella, is in need of prayers. She is only 14 months old and is in need of a liver transplant. She is getting sicker each week. Pray a liver is available soon.

**Carolyn DuBuis** - Thank you God for a beautiful trip to Virginia Beach.

**John & Kathy Challa** - Thank you for the nice bus trip Thank you Jesus for the great weather. I liked what was said in the newsletter about forgiveness. That's what we as Christians are supposed to do. Our mouth's are our worst enemy.

**Mike & Jill Beck** - I like the symbolism you showed us. It gives an extra dimension to the story.

**Brian & Judy Hepp** - Please pray for my mom. She has had 5 T.I.A's in 2 months. These are also known as mini strokes and usually foretell a large stroke is coming.

**Rich Austin** - Thanks to the person decorating the chancel each Sunday. Truly beautiful.

**Dolores Sanford** - Ron is free of so much pain.

**Tena Podein** - Prayers for the devastation in so many areas of our world. The aftermath of storms is endless and so is their hope.

**Jan McCreery** - Doug's brother, Pat, is in a lot of pain. He had a back surgery scheduled but now his hemoglobin is low and they don't know when he will be able to have it.

**Alfredo Fernandez** - My brother, Rey, and wife, Sally, are coming to visit for a week from Tampa. Pray for safe travels and a good week for them. Pray for Joe. He had brain surgery. He is doing ok after the surgery. God bless you all.

**Mary Mingledorff** - Prayers for Liz Montcastle as she has therapy for leg pain and for Tom as he has heart tests.

## Prayerwalk

On Saturday, October 28 at 10:00am, let's gather together at Wesley Park UMC for a Prayerwalk. Prayerwalking happens when we extend prayers beyond our own needs and concerns to focus on the needs of others and open ourselves to see our neighbors with God's eyes and heart.

As we continue to learn more about hospitality the practice of prayerwalking can be a way of extending a hand of hospitality to the folks living in the homes around the church.

This is not a time for evangelistic conversations it is rather, a time to begin a more holy relationship with the children of God living closest to us. Let's begin in the sanctuary for a word of instruction and prayer as we open our hearts for the Spirit of God to accompany our steps and words.

Peace,

Jane Ellen Johnson

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$25,836**

**(40 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$20,811**

**(13 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$326**

## Florentine's Fundraiser

The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, October 23 from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Florentines in Grandville. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$4/child (11 and under). Meal includes all-you-can-eat salad bar, spaghetti, bread, and drink (tip not included). Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Welcome Desk with cash, check, or debit/credit card. They can also be purchased at the door. The proceeds this month will go to the Youth Group.

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