

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, October 16	Council, 7 pm	Margaret Boorsma Kyley Street	
Tuesday, October 17	Clip-In Bible Study, 11 am Senior Saints, noon Clip-In Bible Study, 6 pm	Esther Fernandez Lindy Tanis	Jim & Joanne Gustafson
Wednesday, October 18	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:30 pm	Autumn Vander Woude	
Thursday, October 19	Congregational Care, 2 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm	Dennis Strong Beth Van Deusen	
Friday, October 20	Freddi's Angels, 6:30 pm	Jay Colley Loretta Jahncke Linda McKenney Aaron Mitchell Phillip Urrutia	Don & Shirley Diekeriks
Saturday, October 21			
Sunday, October 22	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am	Susan Graham Judy Wilson	Ben & Nieves Mosqueda

## 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 15, 2017

## The Pastor's Page

Today we celebrate Laity Sunday. A layperson is a non-ordained member of the church, a minister of the gospel, and the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Deb Hodges is the Lay Leader - the primary lay representative of the laity of Wesley Park United Methodist Church. As we celebrate the HOPE of the church, consider these paragraphs from the [2012 United Methodist Book of Discipline](#). May we be inspired to live out our faith in everything we do!

¶ 126. *The Heart of Christian Ministry* - The heart of Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of this ministry are diverse in locale, in interest, and in denominational accent, yet always catholic in spirit and outreach.

¶ 127. *The Ministry of the Laity* - The ministry of the laity flows from a commitment to Christ's outreaching love. Lay members of The United Methodist Church are, by history and calling, active advocates of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional. The witness of the laity, their Christ-like examples of everyday living as well as the sharing of their own faith experiences of the gospel, is the primary evangelistic ministry through which all people will come to know Christ and The United Methodist Church will fulfill its mission.

¶ 130. *Faithful Ministry* - The people of God, who are the church made visible in the world, must convince the world of the reality of the gospel or leave it unconvinced. There can be no evasion or delegation of this responsibility; the church is either faithful as a witnessing and serving community, or it loses its vitality and its impact on an unbelieving world.

*Randee Martin*

## Prayers

**Chuck Johnson** - Prayers for my friend, Don. His mother passed away Saturday afternoon.

**Tena Podein** - Prayers for Universal Love. Thank you for our special music, Sara. The video was really cute.

**Annette Jeltema** - Continued prayers for my brother, Jim.

**Treva Freeman** - My brother, Leo De Vries, had to have eye surgery last Thursday.

**Darlene Pinder** - Great sermon!

**Kathy DenHollander** - Praise God that my cousins (2 different families) are safe in Las Vegas. My sister, Rosemary, has finally beat the pneumonia. Prayers for our country, everyone in the endless disasters, and each other.

**Lynda Edsall** - Prayers for the marriage of Arnold and Aimee Shortle. Beautiful choir.

**Shirley Diederiks** - Beautiful music, Sara, Adrienne, and choir. So glad to be here. God is so good all the time. Thank you for your prayers for Tom. He is doing better with new medication. Thanks again.

**Toni Pullen** - Please pray for my 8yr old granddaughter, Courtney, that her doctors figure out what is causing her to have seizures. The anti-seizure medicine she is taking isn't stopping them.

**Patty Sayen** - For my friend, Annette, and her husband, Jerry. A mass was found on his kidney and is attached to his liver. They were told surgery was not an option. They have an appointment on Monday with the oncologist to discuss the next step.

**Esther Fernandez** - My brother, Rey, is here until Wednesday. We are enjoying each other's company. Thank you for praying for him and Sally, his wife. Rev. Wayne, thank you for your message. It was wonderful. Thank you for sharing with our church.

**Nancy Carpenter** - Prayers please for my dear friend, Jean Kuhn, who was diagnosed with cancer this past week. Thank you Pastor Dean, Anna, Sara, youth leaders, staff parish, choir, musicians, leaders, helpers, and all our church family.

## 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

## 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.

## **Wreaths Across America**

We are partnering with Wreaths Across America to help place Christmas wreaths on Veteran's graves around Grand Rapids. You can purchase a wreath for \$15 and have it in remembrance or honor of a loved one. You can use the order form in the bulletin or stop by the Welcome Desk to pick one up. Your completed form and payment can be turned in at the Welcome Desk. You can pay by check, cash, or card.

## **Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering**

### **100% Ministry Shares Challenge**

Received To Date:  
**\$26,632**  
**(41 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:  
**\$20,015**  
**(12 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$796**

## **Triangle/Duo Dinners**

Paula Hartley has finished the schedule for both the Triangle dinners and the Duo Dinners. Please stop by the Welcome Desk today to pick yours up.

## **Calling All Children!**

We would like to invite any and all children to play a more active role in our worship services during our Children's Sabbath Series. The series will include all sorts children's justice topics such as hunger, foster care, refugees, special needs, and so forth. The series will run from Sunday, October 22nd (the day Bishop Ott comes) until Sunday, November 26th. We would like to have children serve as ushers and greeters alongside our usual adult leaders for these areas. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or see Anna Spencer.

## **Trunk-or-Treat**

We only have a few weeks until our next community bridge event. We are looking for donations of candy to hand out at the trunk-or-treat. If you are unable to decorate your trunk and come to the event on the 28th, please prayerfully consider donating some bags of candy. Please drop off all donations to the Welcome Desk until October 22. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk if you plan on participating in the Trunk-or-Treat.

## **Blood Drive**

Be a hero to someone on Sunday, November 5th. Please consider donating blood. I promise it won't hurt. Remember, Christ said the life is in the blood. Stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up for a time slot or talk to Bill Kerby if you have any questions.

## Senior Saints

The Senior Saints meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month throughout the year. The exception to that is the months of January, February, and March. The menu changes each time and is usually provided by Sheryl Jones. During the summer months, the meals are done potluck style. The lunches begin at noon and are in the Fellowship Hall. All seniors are welcome! Please contact Sheryl Jones with any questions.

This month's Senior Saints lunch is this week Tuesday at noon. Please mark your communication card with "Senior Saints Lunch" if you plan on attending.

## 1st Annual Vendor/Craft Fair

Wesley Park Youth will be hosting its 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. **\*\*THERE ARE ONLY A COUPLE OF BOOTHS LEFT TO RENT\*\***

## Please Join Us

Next week Sunday, October 22, Bishop Ott and his wife will be joining us for the Children's Sabbath service. It is going to be a wonderful service! We will all be gathering together after the service for a nice lunch. If you have any children in your life; bring them with you because we might have a few surprises up our sleeves. We have some flyers at the Welcome Desk for you to hand out this week. Please stop by after service and pick up a few.

## Community Wide Food Drive

I am always blown away by the generosity of my Wesley Park Family. UCOM came to pick up all the bags that were filled with nonperishable foods this week and we filled a mini van with about 40 grocery bags! Thank you everyone for all you do for our church and the community around us!

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## Youth Group Happenings

The youth group will be attending a youth retreat weekend with other teens from around Michigan at Central Michigan University November 10-12. It only costs \$20 for the weekend. Please see Eric for more information. Let him know by October 31 if you would like to reserve your spot.

## Thank you from the Youth

Thank you to everyone at Wesley Park that contributed to the Fall Rummage Sale this year; whether it was bringing all of your unused treasures or coming and purchasing some new treasures. Without you, our sale would not have been so successful!