

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, October 17	Council, 7 pm	Esther Fernandez Lindy Tanis Sawyer Van Dyke	Jim & Joanne Gustafson
Tuesday, October 18	Senior Saints, noon Rock & Mineral, 6:30 pm	Rachel Van Beek Matt Van Essen Autumn Vander Woude	
Wednesday, October 19	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Dennis Strong Beth VanDeusen	Jim & Kathy Van Essen
Thursday, October 20	Baton, 5:30pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish Class, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Jay Colley Loretta Jahncke Linda McKenney Phillip Urrutia	Don & Shirley Diederiks
Friday, October 21			
Saturday, October 22		Susan Graham Judy Wilson	Ben & Nieves Mosqueda
Sunday, October 23	Worship, 9 am Membership Class, 10 am Faith Formation, 10 am Worship, 11 am	Anna Chambers Jackson Heyboer	Al & Peggy Pittenger



**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!**



## Meet Bishop Bard

Bishop Bard will be leading us into a new Michigan Area Conference. He will help to guide us through our conflicts, and encourage us to live out our mission. Bishop Bard was elected into the Episcopacy this year. There are two opportunities to greet and welcome him to Michigan.

Bishop David A. Bard and his wife, Julie, have arrived in Lansing on September 1 to begin leadership among the United Methodists of Michigan. Getting to know the state -its regions, its gifts...its people - will be a priority in those first few months on this side of the state line. Each event will include a worship service, with Bishop Bard preaching, followed by a reception.

Pastors and laity from the four corners of Michigan are invited to welcome Bishop Bard and his family. The first of three celebrations took place at Waterford Central UMC on Saturday, September 24. Two more opportunities are coming in October:

- Sunday, October 16, 2016: Kalamazoo First UMC, 212 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo MI, 3:00 pm
- Sunday, October 23, 2016: Indian River UMC, 956 Eagles Nest Road, Indian River, MI, 3:00 pm

Prior to election at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in July, the Rev. Dr. David Bard had been serving at First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Minnesota since 2005. Bishop Bard received a BA from the University of Minnesota, Duluth in 1981; his Master of Divinity was earned at United Theological Seminary, Twin Cities 1984; and in 1994 he received a Ph.D. from Southern Methodist University with a focus on Christian ethics. He and his wife, Julie, have three adult children. In his free time, he enjoys music, reading, baseball, and walking outside. [news.michiganumc.org](http://news.michiganumc.org)

*Rev. David Bard*

## Bible Study Wrap Up

Everyone is encouraged to attend a wrap up gathering for our 6-week study of the book, *"Who Stole My Church?"* We want to hear from you and allow you to hear from others. Whether you participated in a small group, listened to sermons, and/or read the book...your feedback is welcome. Please join us November 6th as we gather around tables to share and listen to one another. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

## 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 sign 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. Sign ups are at the Welcome Desk.

## Florentine's Fundraiser is Back!

We are starting the Florentine's Spaghetti dinner back up this month. It will be Monday, October 24 from 4pm to 8pm 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 Wesley Parks general fund.

## United Methodist Women Lunch

You are all invited to the UMW 5-S lunch on October 30th after the service. What is a 5-S lunch you ask? It is lunch on **S**unday that is serving **S**oup, **S**alad, **S**andwiches, and **S**undae's. There will be a free will offering and the proceeds will be divided between UMW and The Community House. Stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$24,243**

**(40 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$14,407**

**(12 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$675**

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