

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Our vision: by 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Wesley Park United Methodist Church  
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**9:30 am Worship Servants:**

- ☀ **Greeters:** Ron & Dolores Sanford, Pat Warren, Harry Blauwiekel, Connor Hughes, Jillian Fischer
- ☀ **Ushers:** Jim Gustafson, Sheryl Jones, Bob Williams, Chuck Dear, Andrew Kropp, Kiarra Jones, Nate Fischer
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Allison Kinney and Zach Kinney
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Kathy Carruthers
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Janice Starnes
- ☀ **Sound Board:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Tabi Fischer and Deb Hodges
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Liz Montcastle, Dave Strumfeld,

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
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- ⊠ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director, sara@wesleypark.org
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# Wesley Park Weekly

October 22, 2017

## The Pastor's Page

Today marks the 26th Annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® Celebration, "Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child."

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Celebration is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children.

This celebration is a part of a broader children's movement that aims to unite communities and religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and a common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. In that respect, each action is bigger, more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one celebration. [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)

We will focus on the theme of love and justice for every child for the next six weeks. What a blessing it is to have Bishop Don Ott and Cecile Adams with us today. They both have dedicated their lives to justice issues for children. In the coming weeks we will focus on the work of community schools, the effects of hunger on children, growing with children with special needs and their families, understanding more fully the refugee crises in our community, and considering the effects of housing instability on children.

As we honor and celebrate children, I hope we can live out radical hospitality in worship. Children are welcome to move around in this space. Streamers are in a basket near the stage if any want to dance during the music. Rhythm eggs are in a basket on the stage for all children to use during the songs. After worship, there is a supervised bounce house/ obstacle course outside (weather permitted) and a free lunch for everyone. I hope you will be blessed, and be committed to moving forward with hope, love, and justice for every child.

*Rev. Dean N. Prentiss*

## Prayers

**Pam Bravata** - Prayers of happiness for my mom, Pauline Shinn. I pray for healing of her body. God bless you all!

**Anna Rabine** - Praises! My brother, David's, transplanted cells are thriving and multiplying. Prayers for recovery from chemo side effects and effect of new cells attacking undesired things in the body.

**Rick & Sheryl Jones** - Prayers for Erica who is in the hospital because of seizure activity. Hopefully they can find a cause.

**Esther Fernandez** - Please pray for Anna's mother-in-law, Marge. Her dog, Keleigh, had to be put down last Wednesday. She had her for 17 years. I loved Keleigh so much too. Please pray for Joe. He had brain surgery last week and Drs say they can not do anything else for him. The cancer is spreading too fast. Great message, Deb.

**Maynard Culver** - Prayers for my granddaughter, Jessica, who is struggling with life in general.

**Lois Bowyer** - Please pray for my son, Bruce Simpson. He is in the hospital with severe infections.

**Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen** - Great message, Deb!

**John & Kathy Challa** - Hit me hard, Deb Hodges. Enjoyed the change. I think it helped a lot of people like me. I've always been afraid.

**Pat & Keith Warren** - Beautiful message and well spoken.

**Kathy DenHollander** - Prayers for all of us. Prayers for our health, homes, families, and our nation. My niece, Lora, and her husband are having too many steps backward in saving their marriage. They've been working on it for several years. Prayers for them.

**Tom & Pat Walcott** - I love it here! I am blessed!

**Julie Riemersma** - Prayers for friends going through hard times. Love is strong and always wins. Help them, Lord. Thank you. I love you Lord.

**Chuck & Sally Dear** - Prayers for our friend, Terri, who is having some health issues. Thank you Deb for a great message. Thank you Glen for a great video.

**Ginny Hughes** - Prayers for Jim Hughes. He is in pain and having some memory loss.

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Our service was great today. Great job, Deb. The message was great.

**Tom & Ruth Noble** - Great message, Deb.

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, October 23	Young Adults Group, 7 pm	Anna Chambers Jackson Heyboer	Al & Peg Pittenger
Tuesday, October 24	UMW, 6:30 pm		Doug & Amy Vander Woude
Wednesday, October 25	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:30 pm		
Thursday, October 26	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm		
Friday, October 27		Doug Lang Rev. Dean Prentiss	
Saturday, October 28	Trunk-or-Treat, 3 pm	Elizabeth Beams	
Sunday, October 29	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am	Susan Kaminski Jan Kutschinski	

## 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

## 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 stop by the Welcome Desk to pick up a form. 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:  
**\$27,405**  
**(42 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:  
**\$19,242**  
**(11 Weeks Remaining)**  
Offered last week: **\$773**

## 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.

## 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 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

This week is 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 church office anytime this week. 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.

## United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will meet in the Marv and Omi Tanis Welcome Center at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 24. The evening will consist of program planning for the year and a Birthday Party celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Methodist Women organization and all the birthdays of UMW members. All women are invited. Childcare is provided.

## Wesley Park Young Adults

The Wesley Park College group is now the **WP Young Adults**.

We are a group that loves to share experiences, conversation and most of all dinner!

This group is open to anyone who is out of high school. Our typical age group is college age, but we love everyone so come join us.

We will be meeting on Monday nights for dinner at 7:00 PM.

This meeting around the table happens at Ross and Erin Vanderlaan's home at 807 Walcott St. SW Wyoming, MI 49509.

For Monday 10/23/17 we will be enjoying spaghetti.

Feel free to bring a friend, just let Erin know via call or text at 616-745-6490 by Sunday night so we have enough food.

## Pledge Forms

If you did not receive a pledge form for 2018, please stop by the Welcome Desk to pick up a blank one. If you have any questions about yours; you can contact Al Pittenger.

## 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.

## 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