

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, October 30	Young Adults Group, 7 pm		Steve & Pam Bravata
Tuesday, October 31			
Wednesday, November 1	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm Kitchen Team, 6:30 pm		
Thursday, November 2	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm	Krista Berends	David & Mary Workman
Friday, November 3		Suzanne Elliott	
Saturday, November 4		Courtney Buck Andrew Kropp	Joe & Jayne Schafer
Sunday, November 5	Blood Drive, 8 am Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am		

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.
- ❖ Purchase a wreath for **Wreaths Across America**.



Wesley Park Weekly

October 29, 2017

The Pastor's Page

Wow! Last week was a wonderful beginning to our Children's Sabbath series. The Spirit of hospitality and love was powerful in the singing and the sharing and the celebrating. Food, fun, and fellowship marked a memorable day. And Bishop Don Ott and Cecile Adams helped us to focus on the reasons this work of justice for all children is so important.

Today we are so blessed to learn from Erika VanDyke about the ways community schools can help support and strengthen vulnerable children, and how we can make a difference in our neighborhood. Erika works at West Elementary. Here is her welcome message from the Kent School Services Network page:

Meet Erika VanDyke, our new community school coordinator at West Elementary in the Wyoming Public Schools district. Erika has her Master's Degree in community psychology from Michigan State University, and has previously worked with Kids' Food Basket and LOOP. Erika recently returned from extensive traveling throughout Colombia, Guatemala, and Mexico, developing her Spanish-speaking skills and reconnecting with her Latina roots.

Erika will share some in worship, but will have a more comprehensive description of what she does, and what we can do, during the 11 am Faith Formation hour. I invite you to gather in the sanctuary at 11 am for this time of faith development for adults. Youth will meet downstairs in the Youth Lounge, and the children will meet in the Children's Center for age-appropriate learning experiences.

Also, I invite you to add our Church Conference to your calendar: Sunday, November 12, 6 pm. A Church Conference is our annual meeting with the District Superintendent. We celebrate all that God is doing among us, members vote on a variety of matters, and we look forward with hope toward what is coming. Thank you for continuing to change the question we ask one another from "What did you do today?" to "Who did you help today?"

Randy R. H. H. H.

Prayers

Chuck Johnson - My marine friend called and asked to thank everyone at Wesley Park who prayed for him. He has Agent Orange Cancer. He is now 98% free of cancer. Thank you all for your prayers.

Leo & Arvilla DeVries - Pray for great grandson, Nolan. He was taken back to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for new issues.

Dori DeCommer - Please pray for the nurses and staff at Metron of Forest Hills. Please also pray for Sallie.

Luann Hoffman - Prayers for a long time friend and her husband who lost their home in the Santa Rosa, California fires.

Barb Schondelmayer - The Children's Sabbath program was awesome!

Terry & Pat Essex - Prayers for our son who struggles with addiction.

Marilyn Knapp - Please pray for wisdom, strength, sensitivity, and grace as our team leaves on October 30 for the NE Jungle area of India and then the Western Mountains of Nepal. We'll be working with teachers and children in Christian schools and holding seed sower bible conferences.

Barb DeCan - Prayers for dad as the lung cancer progresses and so does the struggle to breathe. Prayers for comfort.

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.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$27,812

(43 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$18,835

(10 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$407**

Family Promise

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will be November 26th through December 3rd. Our guests move in the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. It takes much prayer and many hands to make each Family Promise week successful and give our guests a loving, safe, warm, and welcoming place to stay. Please check your calendars and prayerfully consider when and how you might be able to assist our guests. The Signup Genius site will be ready soon. If you have any questions, please contact MaryAnn Keyes or Eric and Kelly Olsen.

Area Agency on Aging

You are invited to meet with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Thursday, November 9 at 2 pm at Wesley Park United Methodist Church. This event is hosted by the Wesley Park Congregational Care Team, and provides an opportunity to learn about helpful services available for seniors in our community.

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. All pledge forms need to be returned by November 5th.

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