

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, November 7	Trustees, 6:30 pm	Ruth Noble	
Tuesday, November 8	General Election, 8 am Staff Parish, 5:30 pm	Doug VanderWoude	
Wednesday, November 9	Women's Prayer, 10 am	Dorana Andringa Victoria Beams Heather Gast	
Thursday, November 10	Congregations Care, 2 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm	Judy Bowen	Jay & Judy Colley
Friday, November 11		Stephanie Halstead	
Saturday, November 12		Maynard Culver Barb Schondelmayer	
Sunday, November 13	Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10:10 am Worship, 11 am	Larry Harr Peg Saunier Hunter VanBeek	Mike & Jill Beck John & Kathy Challa



## Important Work

Today we begin a three-week focus on the important work that God has given us to do. Every day we have chores that must be accomplished. Some of these tasks are fun, others we dread. But when the work is accomplished, we know we have done our part to make our home, our school, our job, our church, or the world, a better place.

Today is **Stewardship Sunday!** Our important work is to understand that we have been made stewards of our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness. We are to invest these gifts to benefit God's work in the world. Each and every one of us has something to offer. Today we celebrate this work.

November 13 is our **Church Conference** at 10 am. All are welcome to attend. All who are professing members can vote. We will celebrate the work that God has given us to do as a church, looking back with thanksgiving and forward with hope. We will take up a special offering during the Church Conference, supporting the Grand Rapids District goal of purchasing a truck for District Superintendent Cecilia in the Lofa District of the Liberian Annual Conference. District Superintendent Cecilia's work can be assisted with our generosity.

November 20 is the last Sunday of the Christian Year, the **Reign of Christ Sunday**. On this day, we look back with awe and appreciation at all the ways Christ has called us to work to build the Kingdom of God on earth, and we pray for strength for the work that is still to come.

The work of Vital Church Initiative continues as well. Today, November 13, and November 20 at 10 am, members of the Youth Group will be in the Welcome Center assisting any to complete an **Online Survey**. Everyone in the church is expected to take this survey. Let us work together to be the people of Christ!



**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!**

*Roxanne Martin*

## 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 today, between services (10:10am - 10:50am) as we gather around tables to share and listen to one another. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

## Family Promise Christmas Store

Family Promise needs our help to stock their annual Christmas Store. They are looking for donations of toys, games, and gift cards for parents to purchase at reduced costs. More than 100 kids get Christmas gifts because of this store. We will have a Christmas tree for unwrapped donations to be placed. Gifts will be accepted until December 8th. Please stop by the Welcome Desk for a list of suggested gifts.

## Christmas by Candlelight

The women's annual Christmas by Candlelight will be Friday, December 2 at 7pm. This will be dessert only. It is being put on by the United Methodist Women's group. Stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up.

## Blood Drive

Today we will be hosting a blood drive down in the Fellowship Hall. There are still some openings, stop downstairs to give.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

**\$27,146**

**(43 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:

**\$11,504**

**(9 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$442**

## United Methodist Women Lunch

The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone for all the help and donations for the lunch last Sunday. They were overjoyed at the response they received. Your donations are helping both the Community House and the UMW of Wesley Park.

## Good Sam Fund

Thank you for all your contributions to the Good Sam Fund in the past two weeks. Your generosity has enabled us to keep the food truck in operation and we are very grateful. God bless you all!! The finance committee.

## Adult Faith Formation

**Advent Class will be held November 20 & 27, December 4, 11, & 18 in the FLC.** Advent beginnings the church calendar (liturgical) year. It is a season that teaches us to wait. It calls us to slow down, to wonder, and seek. It challenges us to be present and open to all the different ways, in which, God is among us. Together join the chorus of angels singing, "Come, Lord Jesus!" In the chaos and unrest present in our world, we await Emmanuel (God with Us). Join us this Advent season as we wonder, wait, and watch. **Everyone is welcome. Consider inviting a friend to join us.**

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**Cindy Lang** - Thank you everyone for helping with the "First Annual Wesley Park Variety Show". We had a great time.

**Marlow Jeltema** - Dear Lord, thank you for making us healthy and safe. You will take care of all of us.

**Brad & Molly Jeltema** - Please pray for our friends, the Kohn family. They lost their 16 year-old daughter in a car accident on Friday.

**Brian & Judy Hepp** - Thank you for praying for our son, Scott, his wife, Jess, and grandson, Eli. Please continue to pray for wisdom, calm, mercy, and grace.

**Jane Ellen Johnson** - Prayers for my daughter as she makes difficult medical decisions for her children.

**Chuck Johnson** - Pain shots at V.A. in Detroit has brought pain down from a 6 to about a 2.

**Barb Schondelmayer** - Prayers for my sister, Jane. She fell and broke her hip. She has many health issues with her lungs and heart.

**Barb DeCan** - Prayers for dad as he adjusts to Vista Springs. Hopefully for rehab that is successful. Prayers for my mom, Claire, and grandma, Ivah, two women in my life that are strong in faith. Pray also for dad's grandma.

**Harry Blauwiel** - Help keep our little church in Pewamo alive.

**Chuck Dear** - Thank you for all the prayers over the last month. I talked to the doctor and I only have to have the brace on for 6 more weeks. I will need to be careful what I do after that.

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