

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, November 13	Launch Team, 6:30 pm Young Adults Group, 7 pm Finance, 7 pm	Larry Harr	Mike & Jill Beck John & Kathy Challa
Tuesday, November 14	SPRC, 5:30 pm		
Wednesday, November 15	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 6 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm		
Thursday, November 16	Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm	Ari Bell Holly Bengston	
Friday, November 17		Chris Drost	Sara & Brian Kropp
Saturday, November 18		Chuck Gress	
Sunday, November 19	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am Internal Readiness Team, noon		

## Mark Your Calendar



- ◆ November 25: Vendor/Craft Show, 9 am-3 pm
- ◆ December 8: Christmas By Candlelight, 7 pm



# Wesley Park Weekly

November 12, 2017

## The Pastor's Page

**King's Table Ministries:** Our work at Lincoln School is a perfect example of how serving the community opens the way for real ministry to happen. The King's Table Ministries has been the catalyst that connects the church with the school, opening the door for the church to provide valuable services to the school. In exchange the people of the church are able to get to know the students, their families, and the school staff.

**clothing protectors:** We make and donate 450 bibs each year for students at the school. We call them "clothing protectors," and the students, families, and staff love them. It's become an important service that we can provide – as simple as it is – and it does make a difference.

**staff appreciation luncheon:** Each year we put on a luncheon to honor the invaluable service of the 250 dedicated teachers, education professionals and support staff at the school. It's an event that teachers look forward to every year and really helps show our appreciation for the work they do in our community.

**adopt-a-family:** We coordinate an annual adopt-a-family program that ensures families in need will receive special gifts for Christmas. Families in the church sign up and provide clothing, toys, food and supplies for low-income families with disabled children. Another great way to develop relationships!

**annual picnic and carnival:** Each year The King's Table Ministries takes on the huge task of planning, coordinating, and staffing the school's annual picnic and carnival. It's a lot of work, but a very rewarding opportunity to provide an extremely valuable service to the school.

**connecting families with churches:** Of course, a primary focus of our ministry is always connecting families with the churches. Creating opportunities for people of the church to interact with the families at the school is what it's all about. In time, many of those connections result in people getting connecting with a church that has specific programs designed to minister to special needs people and their families.

*Ron DeArbittin*

## Lord...Hear Our Prayers

*Each week, everyone who attends worship at Wesley Park is welcome to share any joys or concerns they may carry in their heart. These are the requests we received from the November 5th communication cards...*

**Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen** - My great niece, Ella, is still in The Children's Hospital at Detroit Medical Center after receiving a liver transplant. She is doing well, but recovery is slow for a tiny 15 month old. Continued prayers are so appreciated.

**Ken & Linda McKenney** - Beautiful music choir. Good job, Jillian, as a Liturgist. Good job children, just delightful!

**Susan Kaminski** - I thank you for all the birthday wishes and the condolences on the death of my children's father. God bless all of you.

**Anna Reidel** - I pray for everyone who is hungry, and I pray that they find food.

**Abby Reidel** - I pray that everyone has a good week. I pray for everyone who is struggling with something and that they overcome it. I have faith that happiness will come.

**Julie Riemersma** - Friends mean the world to me. I lost three this week. Lord, I'm thankful you put those friends in my life. God bless them all. Thank you Lord for friends.

**Laura Szczepanek** - Thank you Jesus! I am finally able to come to worship with my church family. My business keeps me away, but my love for this church family is always with me! It's wonderful to be here and recharge my soul!

**Ron & Dolores Sanford** - Prayers of healing for my friend, May Shine.

**Shirley Diederiks** - I am so blessed. Still pray for Don. He is still in so much pain. Bless you all.

**Pat Johnson** - Prayer's for my husband, Roger, who is having balance problems.

**Chuck & Jane Johnson** - Thank you for your prayers for our friend, Jim, who had the lung transplant. He is out of the hospital in record time. It was only 9 days!

**Jackie Matson** - Please pray for my daughter, Keri, who just found out she has MS.

**Cindy Keller** - Prayers needed for my sister, Susan Weaver, who has congestive heart failure.

**Dorie DeCommer** - Pray for Daniel and for Sallie to come to church next week.

**Freddi Angus** - Thank you Sara for all you do for this church. Thank you everyone for the support of Freddi's Angels. Thank you for the cards, stamps, and prayer. Love and blessings.

## Wesley Park Memorial Garden

Wesley Park United Methodist Church has approved the creation of a Memorial Garden, containing a columbarium. Funding for the columbarium and Memorial Garden is provided through the sales of niches, donor contributions and memorial gifts. The construction of the columbarium will not begin until the funds for the construction are in hand. If you are interested, or would like more information, you can go to the Welcome Center and check out the brochures or you can contact Glen Haight (616-240-3804), Jeff Osborn (616-862-7936), Chuck Dear (616-970-1310), or Tom Noble (616-446-5982)

## Family Promise



We will again be serving Family Promise guests the week of November 26, 2017. Please check your calendars and prayerfully consider when you might be able to donate some time to our guests or possibly donate some of the food we need that week. The Signup Genius site is now up and running. To sign up online please use the following link: [bit.ly/2z3FbL6](http://bit.ly/2z3FbL6). Kelly Olsen and MaryAnn Keyes will be in the Welcome Center after services each Sunday if you need assistance.

## Food Truck

The November and December food truck has been paid for in memory of Diane Blauwiekel by her loving husband, Harry Blauwiekel.

## Faith Formation Series

Here is the list of upcoming worship service topics for our Children's Sabbath series. I have also listed the speakers and events we will be doing for Adult Faith Formation during this series. **Please pay special attention to November 26th as this is an intergenerational service projects we are participating in during our usual Faith Formation time.**



**Nov 12th - Today's focus is children with special needs and their families.** A representative from **The Kings Table ministries** will be joining us to share about how they serve families with special needs children and adults in churches, schools, and group homes.

**Nov 19th - Today's focus is refugees and foster care.** **Bethany Christian Services Refugee Ministries** program will be presenting on their work and how we can get involved.

**Nov 26th - Today's focus will be Family Promise.** We will be decorating cards, drawing pictures, and praying for those that are here for Family Promise Week (November 26th - December 2nd). This project will be our Faith Formation experience for children, youth, and adults.

## 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 (today is the last day)**.

**Ann Bellgraph** - We will learn today if my granddaughter, Amanda Nash, is having a boy or girl in March. Kyle is 4 years old and very excited!

**Karen McCarty** - Prayers for Tony and myself as we deal with the consequences of the wrong choices he has made.

**Barb DeCan** - Thank you church family for all the cards, prayers, and support during dad's final days. We are blessed!

**Peg Pittenger** - Thank you, Jessica, for adding to our choir anthem with your beautiful flute playing. It was beautiful. Prayers for our dear friend, Gary Hodges, as he recovers from the infection in his body.

**Maynard Culver** - My granddaughter, Jessica, is still struggling with physical issues as well as emotional.

**Esther Fernandez** - Please pray for Rev. Samuel Stuart. He is 87 yrs old. He is a loving Pastor that loves all people. Pray for his daughter, Naomi. She is very close to her dad. He is not doing well.

**Nancy Carpenter** - Please contact your Senators and Congressional Reps and tell them not to cut programs that feed children.

## Christmas By Candlelight



The annual Christmas by Candlelight will be held December 8, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the Family Life Center. It will be a dessert bar and program entitled "Nativities Around the World" by Kay DeMoss. It will be sponsored by the United Methodist Women. A free-will offering will be taken and childcare will be provided. Please stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up.

## Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

### 100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:  
**\$30,003**  
**(45 Weeks Completed)**

Remaining Balance Needed:  
**\$16,644**  
**(8 Weeks Remaining)**

Offered last week: **\$1,026**

## **Florentine's Fundraiser**



The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, October 27 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 General Fund.

## **Donations for West Elementary**

Just a reminder that we are collecting new and gently used winter gear for West Elementary. They are in need of boots (size 12/13-6), snow-pants (gender neutral, size 4-16), gloves (water proof ones), and coats (size 4-16). They would also love to gather up about 30 sleds for their sliding hill. You can drop them off at the Church office or contact Cindy Lang (616-822-9679) to arrange pick up.

## **Got Extra Yarn?**

The first Thursday of every month we have LaRee Ellens knitting group that meets in the Cornerstone room. They are running low on yarn. If you have some extra yarn that you are not going to be using or can purchase some to donate, please drop it off to the office during regular business hours or on Sunday at the Welcome Desk.

## **Snowbirds!**



Many thanks to those families who have already given us their winter addresses. If you're planning on heading south and would like to receive information about what's happening up here in Michigan, please give your winter address to the church office. Even if we've received your address in the past, please give it again. We don't want to miss anyone.

## **Meals are Needed**

John and Kathy Challa are in need of meals for the near future. We would like to bless this family with some meals. You can go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) (challa, wesleypark) to sign up. If you need assistance, please contact Aimee Terry (616-534-5556) and she will help you get signed up.

## **Snow is Coming**

Snow will be flying soon which means some of you will be headed for warmer temperatures. With our new video equipment we are now streaming live on our website every Sunday so you won't miss a week! If you can't watch at 9:30 am..don't worry...you can watch it taped later via the website as well.

