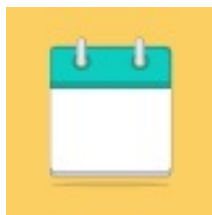


Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, November 20	Young Adults Group, 7 pm Council, 7 pm		
Tuesday, November 21	Senior Saints, noon	Gale Eckert Nate Fischer Connor Hughes Brad Jeltema Anna Reidel	
Wednesday, November 22	Women's Prayer, 10 am Square Dance, 6:45 pm		
Thursday, November 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	Peggy Kerby	
Friday, November 24		Josh Berends Nancy Chambers Michael Moore Trystan Rienks	
Saturday, November 25	Vendor/Craft show, 9 am	Lauren Gibbard	Jan & Richard Kutschinski
Sunday, November 26	Worship, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am Faith Formation, 11 am Family Promise, 3 pm	Ty Tanis	

Mark Your Calendar



- ◆ November 25: Vendor/Craft Show, 9 am - 3 pm
- ◆ December 8: Christmas By Candlelight, 7 pm
- ◆ Christmas Eve services: 7 pm and 11 pm



Wesley Park Weekly

November 19, 2017

Anna's Angle

I am often in a rush on Sundays. I have too many things to do and people to talk to. Do you ever feel this way? Last Sunday was no different, until I stopped to high five our two child greeters for the week, Destin and Charlie. If you came through the welcome center doors you probably experienced it too. Destin and Charlie were excitedly greeting everyone who came through the door. I stood there in amazement as these two small saints offered you their hand, smiles, and words of welcome! They took the job of offering hospitality very seriously. This is why some of you stood; it looked like a receiving line. They did not let anyone pass without being properly and individually greeted. They were undeterred by those who were hurried, cold, or unaware.

I watched as Charlie found hands that were not offered to him initially. He literally reached up and grabbed the hand of someone as I stood by because this is what radical hospitality looks like. Others of you received the running greeting of these children as they bounced from entrance to entrance. I watched them look you all in the eye to say hello. It was beautiful to watch when you got down on their level to offer them a greeting as well. So, if it took longer to get through the door know that it was because they made sure to greet each of you without regard to the lineup behind you. For a few seconds, you were the only person they were focused on. You were all that mattered, the only person they saw.

I can learn something from their bold, unhurried, and unconventional approach. Destin and Charlie (and all the children of Wesley Park), thank you for reminding me what the love of God looks like in small and tangible ways like this! You are such a blessing!

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 12th communication cards...

Bill & Jennifer Schick - Beautiful song, Avery. Good job! Prayers for Jessica and other members of the Grandville H.S. band as they travel to Orlando this Thursday for a week long trip.

Brian & Judy Hepp - Thank you for Easy Tithes!

Ron & Dolores Sanford - Avery, you are a wonderful person. Thank you for being a caring person. Safe travels for all who will be going deer hunting this week.

John & Kathy Challa - Beautiful service. Thank you, Avery. You are such a blessing to all who know you!

Damary Lofgren - Wonderful sermon on those with special needs. Avery's song was beautiful. Prayers for the Hernandez Cruz family on the loss of their daughter, Samariz Hernandez Cruz. May they feel comfort during this very difficult time.

Annette Jeltema - Continued prayers for my brother, Jim, who is in the hospital undergoing tests.

Ross & Erin Vanderlaan - Thank you, Avery, for sharing your song! You are an example for us all to follow.

Freddi Angus - It's good to have Sally back.

Esther Fernandez - Avery, you are a light from God. Thank you for loving your friend. I loved the 90 Miles song. Well done. I love you and your family so much. God bless you all. I loved the service today. Thank you, Pastor Dean. Thank you, Sally. Wonderful message.

Sallie McLean - Please pray for Metron. We are moving this week so we will each have a room to ourselves. It will be busy. Come visit me. Thank you.

Dorie DeCommer - I pray for a new wheelchair.

Laura Szczepanek - Please pray for my mom on November 21. She is having a heart procedure done in Traverse City. Hoping this will fix her so we can get her to Florida. Thank you my loving church family.

Ann Bellgraph - My granddaughter, Amanda Barnes Nash, is having a boy in March.

Anonymous - A great service. I loved Avery's song and the dance team! So inspiring!

Inaugural Vendor/Craft Fair

The Wesley Park Youth will be hosting their first Vendor/Craft fair this coming Saturday from 9am - 3pm. All of the proceeds from the booth rental fees, door prize tickets, and food purchases will be used to purchase gifts for the Family Promise Christmas Store. The youth would like to have a bake sale as well. We are asking for help in baking some items to sell. Those proceeds will also go to the Christmas Store. Please talk to Erin Vanderlaan (616-745-6490) or Tabi Fischer (616-322-2702) if you are able to do some baking this week. All items can be dropped off at the church any day this week during business hours.

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. Kelly Olsen and

MaryAnn Keyes will be in the Welcome Center after service today if you need assistance.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$31,253

(46 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$15,394

(7 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$1,250**

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 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.
- ❖ Donations for **West Elementary**.

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.

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.

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.

Florentine's Fundraiser



The Florentine's Dinner will be Monday, November 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.

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.

Adult Faith Formation: Slow [Advent]

This is the season of rushing around. There is so much to do and so little time. It is also the season of waiting. We wait for the kingdom of God to be shown to us again in the birth of Jesus Christ. We light candles, celebrate traditions, experience the tension/joy of the holidays in the midst of it all. What if we acknowledged the rush of life and intentionally slowed down in small ways? What if we began again in this new church year? Join us this advent as we acknowledge the rush, try slow down for a few breaths, and get ready for 2018.

WEEK 1: DEC 3 The Rush

WEEK 2: DEC 10 Slow Down

WEEK 3: DEC 17 [Hymn Sing]

WEEK 4: DEC 31 Begin Again

Everyone is welcome.

Family Promise Christmas Store

This year the Christmas Store for Family Promise will be held the evening of December 8 and the morning of December 9, 2017. Our deadline for bringing unwrapped gifts to our church will be December 7th, and we will deliver the gifts to Cornerstone the following day. We are encouraged to give in the following manner: cash donations, toys for children of all ages, gift cards from Target, Walmart, or Meijer. The tree has been set up in the Welcome Center for you to drop off your donations. Last year your participation gave much to the families involved. May God bless you as you consider giving to this wonderful cause again.

Thank you

I again want to express my appreciation for the prayers and cards I received during my cancer treatments. God is great as my cancer is in remission. I so appreciate my Wesley Park family.

Peggy Kerby

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will meet at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 in the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center. The annual World Thank Offering will be received. This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. All women are welcome. Childcare is provided.

