

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, November 28	Florentine's Dinner		
Tuesday, November 29		Hannah Steenhagen	
Wednesday, November 30	Women's Prayer, 10 am		Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen
Thursday, December 1	Knitting group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Chancel Choir, 6 pm Spanish, 6:30 pm Praise Team, 7:30 pm		
Friday, December 2	Christmas by Candlelight, 7pm		
Saturday, December 3		Shari Piccard	
Sunday, December 4	Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10:10 am Worship, 11 am Family Promise Set-up, noon	Pat Warren	



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!



Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Our focus for Advent is on the hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, written by James Montgomery (1771-1854). Professor of Sacred Music at Perkins School of Theology, Dr. C. Michael Hawn, in the History of Hymns for Discipleship Ministries shares his insight into Montgomery's life, and the source behind this hymn.

The United Methodist Hymnal contains six hymns by Montgomery, whose father was a minister. His parents later served as missionaries to the West Indies. James remained in Yorkshire and was raised from age 6 in a boy's boarding school administered by the Brethren of Fulneck. Montgomery later said, "There, whatever we did was done in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, whom we were taught to regard in the amiable and endearing light of a friend and brother." He began writing poetry at age 10, inspired by the hymns of the Moravians, the same group that inspired John and Charles Wesley. This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 72 written in 1821 for a Christmas leaflet, "Moravian Ode."

Psalm 72

Give the king thy judgements, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

Montgomery edited the newspaper *Iris* for 31 years, during which he was a tireless supporter of social justice.

The verses of *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* help to prepare us for the One who ushers into the world Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. May your Season of Advent be blessed!

Roxanne Martin

Family Promise Christmas Store

Family Promise needs our help to stock their annual Christmas Store. This is replacing the shoe boxes we normally do. 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 4th. 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 7 pm. This will be dessert only, sponsored by United Methodist Women. Stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up.

Advent and Christmas at Wesley Park

- ★ **The Christmas Music Concert and Celebration** is Sunday, December 11 at 4 pm. Come celebrate the season in song.
- ★ **Christmas Eve Services**, including singing, a Christmas message, and the lighting of candles, will be at 7 pm and 11 pm.
- ★ **Worship on Christmas Day** will be at 10 am. Bring a gift to exchange!
- ★ **The Bishop's Special Offering** will go to support the people of Haiti.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$28,835

(46 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$9,815

(6 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$196**

Adult Faith Formation

Advent Class will be held November 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.**

Florentine's Fundraiser

It will be Monday, November 28 from 4pm to 8pm 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 Wesley Parks general fund.

Family Promise Week

Our next opportunity to help our friends at Family Promise will be the week of December 4. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this very worthwhile project. You could volunteer your time or donate food for one of days that week. It takes all of us together to make the project work each time that we have guests. Stop by the Welcome Desk for more information.

Food Truck

Come volunteer at the Food Truck this Thursday between 5 and 7 pm.

Prayers

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Val Rienks - Prayers of Thanksgiving that my mother-in-law is doing very well after her fall in the tub on the 8th and not being found until the 13th. She is being transferred to Brookcrest. She is doing very well with her physical and occupational therapy. We are very thankful because things could have turned out very different.

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