

The Messenger



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To live so that others will want to be followers of Jesus



Pastoral Reflections

At our Church Conference in September, Rev. Peggy Strieff talked about some concerns about the health of the churches of the North Coast District. The real place of hurt is in the City of Cleveland where there are some neighborhood churches that are just hanging on, and some that are doing ok. There is no clear agenda that has been yet developed. But I sense the time is coming for Westlake to take a greater leadership role in the city of Cleveland and North Coast District.

Our initial activity with Simpson UMC has focused on relationships and not necessarily a financial partnership. That has been intentional on both parts. Over the



next six weeks, the Finance Team (Jim Cake, chair) Staff Parish Team (John Rife) and Leadership Team (Karla Lux) will be exploring some options to propose to the District as to how we might financially partner with a church or churches on the west side to assist in providing pastoral leadership that will impact lives in the city.

God has blessed this church. We are making a difference and God will be helping us clarify the ways in which we should move forward. We will keep you informed and we welcome your questions, thoughts, prayers, and support in Christ.

Grace and peace,
Pastor John

Faith Giving

Dear Friends and Members of Westlake UMC:

When I was in 7th grade my church joined a church basketball league. I was ecstatic. There was a catch; I had to attend church three out of four weeks!

This presented me with a huge problem. The two pastors of the church were, in my adolescent mind, incredibly dull preachers. (I think a lot adults felt the same way). How would I survive this torture? I came up with a unique solution. I'd force myself to concentrate on the sermon, counting each time I started to daydream. Each week I'd try to set a new record for concentrating! It was a game to pass the time as quickly as possible.

Do I remember anything I heard? Yup. I heard the minister say there seemed to be a lack of faithfulness among the members; not enough money had been pledged to the church. "Wait a minute", I thought, "What about the church trusting that God would provide?"

My pastor's comment left a bad taste in my mouth. Wasn't it hypocritical? The church asked people to give

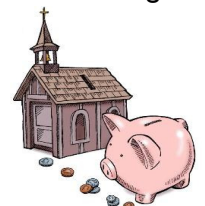
generously, trusting God to provide for them, but the church didn't trust God would provide for it?

I believed the first part of the message, God will provide. I believed it then. I believe it now. But the message I got was "trusting God is good enough for individuals, but not good enough for the church." Bad message!!

In 1981, I came across the idea of "Faith Giving." In 1982, while serving Niles First UMC, during layoffs at steel and auto plants in the Youngstown area, we instituted "Faith Giving." The result was a year-end surplus in the church budget. For every "Faith Giving campaign I've conducted, (there have been 21 of them in three different churches) surpluses have always resulted.

I look forward to the 22nd year with this faithful congregation, Westlake UMC.

With you on the journey,
Don Lefelar
Stewardship Chair



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Sunday Worship at 8:15, 10:00 and 11:21 a.m.

Parking Lot Completed!

Let's celebrate that the Parking Lot construction has been completed! Our progress on the campaign as of October 21 is:

Total Pledges	\$210,284.23
Total Received	\$147,644.23
Total Funds	\$440,318.12
	(with \$292,673.89 member and internal loans)
Net Cash Available:	\$49,044.83 (to be applied to Organ repair of \$72,000 in April 2013)



OUR NEW EXPANDED PARKING LOT!

Looking SW from new parking area.

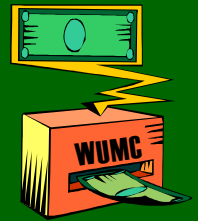
Photo by Larry Bowersox

The receipt of the amount of pledges not received (\$62,640.00) will put us over the top to meet the requirement for the Organ repair; and we will be able to initiate repayment of the two member loans of \$50,000.00 each.

We are entering that time of year when we naturally focus on God's gifts to us. May we hear God calling us to give generously and with grateful hearts to the work of Christ's Church.

Income Statement—September 2012

	September 2012	YTD 2012	2011	YTD 2011	Annual Budget 2012
INCOME					
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$52,432.52	\$417,185.33	\$47,224.30	\$411,264.54	\$574,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$52,432.52	\$417,185.33	\$47,224.30	\$411,264.54	\$574,500.00
EXPENSES					
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.					
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$22,360.90	\$228,797.41	\$25,629.31	\$228,024.69	\$350,023.00
OFFICE EXP.	1,613.53	19,082.92	1,272.73	16,122.34	23,550.00
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	109.24	2,241.47	628.14	5,937.67	2,100.00
FACILITIES EXP.	5,833.33	51,138.78	4,128.70	59,762.35	75,900.00
Subtotal Expenses	29,917.00	301,260.58	31,658.88	309,847.05	451,573.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE					
MUSIC EXP.	678.28	2,354.70	355.16	2,484.41	4,250.00
WORSHIP EXP.	1,026.71	4,959.73	282.00	1,710.30	5,750.00
EDUCATION EXP.	2,025.34	6,724.42	1,067.20	6,751.87	11,870.00
OUTREACH EXP.	648.81	4,011.05	1,113.54	4,114.01	11,844.00
MISSION EXP.	6,267.77	55,969.88	6,744.37	66,622.89	89,213.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	10,646.91	74,019.78	9,562.27	81,683.48	122,927.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,563.91	375,280.36	41,221.15	391,530.53	574,500.00
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	1,081.87	\$959.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$12,950.48	\$42,864.45	\$6,003.15	\$19,734.01	\$0.00



Did you know that if you are 70 1/2 years old and older, and must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you can donate some or part of the withdrawal to the church helping offset the taxes you'll face?

This donation would provide important funding to the parking lot project, capital needs or other key ministries.



Weekday Mom's Group

TEN PRINCIPLES FOR SPIRITUAL PARENTING: NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S SOUL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH & 20TH, 9:30—11 A.M.



Looking for that mom-spirit connection as you seek to raise your little ones in the faith? Join us on Tuesday mornings for inspiration, laughter and some creative time while your little ones are safely

cared for in an age appropriate setting. Story hour in the Westlake UMC library is back for children 3 and up! Reserve your childcare spot by calling the office or email: epeiffer@westlakeumc.org.

United Methodist Men

MEN'S FALL GATHERING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH,

8:30 A.M.—3:30 P.M.



All men are invited to attend the Conference Fall Gathering at Lakewood UMC (15700 Detroit Rd., Lakewood). The speakers include Dan Stultz, Rev. Warren Freed, and Wade Mays from the Society of St. Andrew. Registration forms are available at the UM Men's bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



Parents of Reading Club Participants

If your child has read a book from the church library, don't forget to record it on the back of his/her page in the notebook in the library. Directions are on the front of the notebook. Remember that the Reading Club ends on November 11th, on which day we will have a celebration party for participants. If we're lucky, Pastor John will read a story again!

Youth Hosted Events for ALL!



RAKE FOR THE COMMUNITY
Sunday, November 4th, 1—4 p.m.

The Youth Group is doing its annual "Rake for the Community" for all those people who could use a hand with Fall leaf clean up. If you or someone that you know needs help with their yard, call to reserve our service! Contact the church office: (440) 871-3088 or send an email to: westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org. Or contact Anna Magill directly via email at: amagill@westlakeumc.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH - 10:30 A.M.

Women of the church, come join us for our monthly meeting! We would be delighted to see you! The meeting starts at 10:30, with lunch at 12:00 noon. Bring your sandwich. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

The 1:00 program will be "Habitat for Humanity in Cuyahoga County," presented by John Gibb. For years John has spent time, money, and effort building these homes. This will surely be enlightening. Come join us!

If you wish to skip the meeting and just come for lunch or the program, you are very welcome. If you have questions, please call (440) 934-4542. See you there!

Don't forget that the **Silent Quilt Auction** is continuing through November 8th!

The winner will be announced at this General Meeting. Please stop by the lobby to look at and appreciate the fine craftsmanship of Lottie Krause. Bidding starts at \$200. Bidding sheets are available at the table near the quilt!




SPUD NIGHT SERVANT AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 6:00—7:30 P.M.

Spud Night is back with a new mode of fun! Not only will there be tasty spuds with toppings galore, there will also be live entertainment aaaaaannndddd... You can make your bids for the Youth Servant Auction! Our WUMC Youth have volunteered to be auctioned off with a "Package of Service/Care"! Don't miss out! Join us for this night of fun. Bring your appetite AND your checkbooks! All proceeds benefit Youth Missions.



 **HOSPITALITY**

Hospitality blessings.....

A warm thank you to **Chris and Kaye Tilton** for their work in re-vamping the storage closet under the choir loft steps. They put new paint on the walls, new wall shelves, and donated three new heavy-duty rolling steel racks! They saw the poorly utilized space and applied their event organization skills! Many, many thanks!

A big thank you to **Brianne Merrill** for organizing the October Tailgate Potluck! Thanks also to the set up and clean up helpers: the 20's & 30's Sunday School class, Robin and John Carreon, and Beth Jaffe.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

NOVEMBER

November 4	Rainee & Joy Simons
November 11	Ed & Dina Leader
November 18	Mr. & Mrs. H. Sterling Louis
November 25	The DeWerth Family

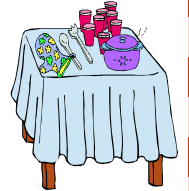


SAVE THE DATE!

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY "THANKFULNESS" SUPPER - Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

The Legacy Giving Team invites you to a special night! At this season of thankfulness and hope, we are celebrating God's goodness to our church through the faithfulness of His people.

Please RSVP to the office if you can attend.



Opportunities in Generosity!



FALL FOOD DRIVE

October 21st—November 12th

It is that time again. After two very successful drives last year, we're looking forward to another one this Fall. The need out in the community has not changed. I'm sure that all of you all have become very familiar with it. Collection will take place through November 12th. Those familiar "Bags" are available for your use! Or use your own brown bag for donations. Speaking for the Food Drive Team, "Thank-you!" ~Art Halaby



BOYS YOUTH-SIZED CLOTHING DRIVE FOR SIMPSON UMC

November 4th—18th

The Monday afternoon Christ Care Group is organizing a clothing drive for West Side male youth. Needed are sizes Small, Medium, and Large for boys ages 8 to 14. Please check your closets for "gently worn" clothing you no longer need, or, if you wish, purchase new clothes or underwear for boys. The clothing will be delivered to our sister church Simpson UMC for distribution during December to the boys living in the poverty stricken areas around W 86th Street. Please consider helping these boys stay warm this winter. There will be collection bins located in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall.



HATS AND GLOVES NEEDED!

Starts November 4th—

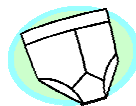
throughout the winter!

Our Wednesday afternoon Christ Care Group has chosen as its mission project to provide warm winter hats and gloves for children that come to school unprepared for cold weather. We hope to provide them throughout the winter to the Toni Morrison Elementary School in Lorain: Grades pre-K through 6th. We would greatly appreciate your help of donations of **new** hats and gloves. There will be a basket in the lobby to receive them. We will continue collecting throughout the winter, and monthly the supply will be taken to the school.

SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

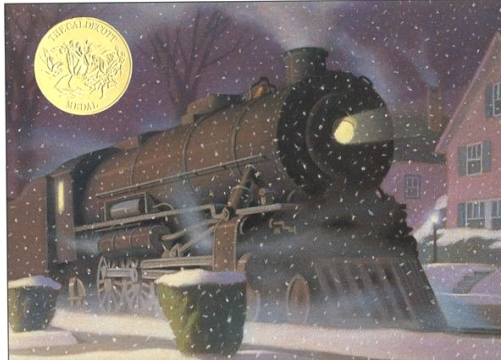
November 18th—December 9th

Church members and friends have been donating socks and underwear to 4 and 5 year old boys and girls at Head Start and Guidestone (Formerly Berea Children's Home) at Christmas-time. These are very much needed and appreciated. Please drop these off in the church lobby (across from the elevator) in the UMW basket from November 18th through December 9th, or bring them to the Christmas Tea.



Christian Education

THE POLAR EXPRESS



ALL ABOARD FOR JESUS!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

JOINS WITH POLAR EXPRESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 4:30—7:00 P.M.

Join us for a family night of joyful Christmas anticipation, whimsy, fellowship, and nostalgia (and a bit of work, too). Whether you relish a post pumpkin pie “greens hanging” styled work-out, inspiration to move you from turkey feathers to holly berries, or a magical Polar Express family event experience with Christ as our conductor, this event is for you!

Top Five Reasons You’ll Be There?

5. Crafting Christmas fun for all.
4. Knowing your wreath hanging skills bring joy to the congregation.
3. Singing carols with with former Howl at the Moon and current Acts 11:21 Band sensation, Rich Gallo.
2. Potluck dinner— bring your favorite dish to share! We will supply the chicken fingers.
1. Reading of a storybook filled with morals and magic by WUMC’s own former Polar Express Train elf.

But who needs any reasons to come and gather as Christians with a “bell to ring” in our hearts. Christ is coming. And we believe!

We look forward to you joining us for this event that pulls from last year, decades ago, and wrapped with a fresh storyteller’s bow! For more information, please contact Carol Ryan via cryan@westlakeumc.org, the church office (440) 871-3088, or Debby Patterson.



SPUD NIGHT PREP TIME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.



Be part of Spud Night! It is a time for yummy baked potatoes, fun with friends and live entertainment. Youth who are willing to be auctioned will create their package of service, care, or something creative to gift to the highest bidder. Youth will do this as a team. Be part of the fun and explore ways to help out at Spud Night! Lunch served. Meet on the Stage.

ALL-YOUTH: COMMUNITY LEAF RAKING!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 12:30—4 P.M.



This event follows Auction Prep Time. Bring your leaf blowers, rakes, tarps, gloves... Departure at 1 p.m. Be part of community service as we work together clean up leaves! **Adults needed as drivers.** End time 4 p.m.



SPUD NIGHT SERVANT AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 6:00—7:30 P.M.

Spud Night is back with a new mode of fun. All youth are needed to host this Mission Fundraising Event: Set Up Crew, Food Preparations, Clean Up ... Most importantly, be auctioned as a Youth Package of service! Prep time is scheduled for Sunday, November 4th. Don’t miss out! Join us for this night of fun. In Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 6:00—7:30 P.M.

Meet in the Youth Room. Dinner starts at 6:00. All youth are invited for a time of fellowship and planning. Dinner served alongside decision making and preparations for the months of January and February. Please join us!








Questions? RSVPs? Contact Anna Magill: amagill@westlakeumc.org or (216) 650-8290



November 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p>  <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS: <i>Did you set your clocks back?</i></p> <p>11 am Spud Night Prep 1-4 pm Leaf Raking by Youth Food Drive Continues...</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am Monday Morning Bells 12pm Staff Meeting (FH) 1 pm ChristCare-EP (100) 5:45 pm Election Board Setup (105-6-7) 7 pm ChristCare-JK (205) 7 pm SPRC (104)</p>	<p>6 ELECTION DAY!</p> <p>5am-9pm Elections (105-6-7)</p> <p>9:30am Kindermusik (103) 9:30am MOMs (205) 5pm Oberlin Choristers (FH)</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Kindermusik (103) 10 am Parish Nurse Available 10 am Bible Study (107) 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1pm ChristCare-JMc (205) 1:30pm PACE (103) 7 pm ChristCare-RE (205) 7:30pm Joyful Spirit Bells</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 am CWRU (107) 10:30am UMW Gen. Mtg (FH) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) 6 pm Yoga (103-4) 7 pm ChristCare-SS (107) 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Rev. John at seminar (out of office)</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm ChristCare—LK (205)</p> <p><i>UMM Men's Fall Gathering</i> 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. <i>Lakewood UMC</i></p>
<p>11</p> <p><i>Bells Play</i></p> <p><i>Free Blood Pressure Screenings</i></p> <p>Food Drive Continues...</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am Monday Morning Bells 12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 1 pm ChristCare-EP (100) 1 pm Finance Comm. (104) 7 pm Stephen Ministry (107) 7 pm ChristCare-JK (205)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Kindermusik (103) 5pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7 pm Trustees (106)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Kindermusik (103) 10 am Parish Nurse Available 10 am Bible Study (107) 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1:30pm PACE (103) 7 pm ChristCare-RE (205) 7:30pm Joyful Spirit Bells</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 am CWRU (107) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 6 pm Yoga (103-4) 7 pm ChristCare-SS (107) 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER</p> </div>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm ChristCare—LK (205)</p>
<p>18</p> <p><i>10am Fiest Baptism</i></p> <p>Spud Night & Servant Auction 6—7:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>10am Monday Morning Bells 1 pm ChristCare-EP (100) 7 pm ChristCare-JK (205) 7 pm Leadership Council (107)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am MOMs (205) 5pm Oberlin Choristers (FH)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 am Parish Nurse Available 10 am Bible Study (107) 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1pm ChristCare-JMc (205) 7 pm ChristCare-RE (205) 7:30pm Joyful Spirit Bells</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Staff Offices Closed</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Staff Offices Closed</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm ChristCare—LK (205)</p>
<p>25</p> <p><i>10am Goehrke Baptism</i></p> <p><i>Hanging of the Greens and The Polar Express</i> 4:30—7:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>10am Monday Morning Bells 1 pm ChristCare-EP (100) 6 pm Cleveland Food Bank 7 pm ChristCare-JK (205)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Kindermusik (103) 6pm Youth Leadership (205)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Kindermusik (103) 10 am Parish Nurse Available 10 am Bible Study (107) 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1:30pm PACE (103) 5:30pm Community Meal (FH) 7 pm ChristCare-RE (205) 7:30pm Joyful Spirit Bells</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10 am UMW Outreach (FH) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 6 pm Yoga (103-4) 7 pm ChristCare-SS (107) 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm ChristCare—LK (205)</p>



Church Family Focus

BAPTISMS



Emma Grace Barnes, daughter of Patti Cervenka and Brian Barnes, and sister of Jacob, was baptized by Rev. John Butchko on September 23rd.

WITH SYMPATHY

Kimberley Andrews, daughter of Florence Andrews, passed away on October 14th. A Memorial Service was held on October 17th at Busch Funeral Homes, co-officiated by Rev. John Butchko and Rev. Bill McFadden.



THANK YOU

Dear WUMC family,
We were very grateful for the thoughts and prayers extended to our family during my mother's long illness and her recent passing. Your support has been deeply comforting.

Thank you so much, Carole & Russ Miller

From the Parish Nurse...



Kathy Tafuri, our WUMC Volunteer Parish Nurse, is available on Wednesdays at WUMC from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She may be reached at (440) 871-3088 x17, or ktafuri@westlakeumc.org with health-related concerns. Free blood pressure screening on Sunday, November 11th after each service.

Kathy has some medical supplies you might need. Please let her know if you could use anything.

- 4x4 gauze bandages
- One cane (with 4 "feet" for balance)
- Sinus Rinse and Neti Pot kits
- Feeding tube supplies
- Walkers
- Canes
- Arthritis sock assistive device
- Exercise Equipment (for seated, pedaling exercise)
- Incontinence supplies (Depends)

THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE OF *UPPER ROOM AND ALIVE NOW!* ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX AND LOBBY ACROSS FROM THE ELEVATOR. FREE WILL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

Medicare Consulting Available



MEDICARE QUESTIONS?
OPEN ENROLLMENT
OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 7
FOR PART D AND MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

Could you use help in understanding Part A, Part B, Part D, Medi-gap policies or Medicare Advantage Plans?

Confidential assistance is available 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the church or by appointment.

This support service is being offered through the Parish Nurse Office, by contacting Patti Stineman, OSHIIP Volunteer Counselor (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program) or Kathy Tafuri, R.N.

What is Medicare?

Federal health insurance program administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for those who are:

1. 65 and older
2. any age and Disabled
3. diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

Option 1

Original Medicare
Part A and Part B

+

Secondary Insurance
GHI, MedSup, or Medicaid

+

Rx Coverage
Part D or GHI

OR

Option 2

Medicare Advantage
(Part C)
1. Hospitalization,
2. Medical
3. Rx (MA-PD)



Service Opportunities!



RUSSIA UMVIM

It was an honor to be a member of the East Ohio Conference 2012 Russia Initiative Trip. We want to thank this congregation for the donations that we took with us for benefit of the developmentally disabled children of Boarding School #5 in Kursk, and also, for your prayers that stayed with us through the trip. We received so many blessings during the trip, from the special bonds we made with the other members of the trip, to the wonderful friendships we made with the children, staff and teachers at the school, and hospitality of our host families.

Our flight took us to Moscow where we spent a fascinating time seeing Moscow before going on to Kursk by train. It was inspiring to meet Rev. Matthew Laferty, the young man appointed to the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, to meet some of the people who work with him, those he ministers to, and came to understand some of their struggles. We were able to attend a Methodist worship service, in Russian of course, recognized a couple hymns and sang along in English.

Although Kursk is eight hours ahead of us, we really didn't have time for jet lag, as our days were filled from early morning to very at night with spending time and playing with the children, working around the school, learning about Russian culture, history, food, and language! Since it is not common to see Americans in Kursk, we appeared on local TV and in the newspaper, as they reported on our work in Russia as Christian vol-

unteers. At the end of our time there, we were each able to spend a few days with a Russian host family, whose warmth and hospitality quickly made us a part of their family.

I could fill pages with our experiences and would be happy to share them with anyone who would like to hear about them. If anyone is considering participating in a future trip, I strongly encourage you to do it. This is such a well-run trip, it makes it easy even for novice mission workers. ~ Kay Martin

The 20th annual East Ohio Conference 3C's Mission Trip to Russia will be May 24 through June 4, 2013

Informational meetings will be held at:

Brecksville UMC: November 3rd, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Mentor UMC: November 11th, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Edison Memorial UMC: November 17th,

10:0—11:00 a.m.

Uniontown UMC: November 28th, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

If you would like a special meeting for your church please contact Rev. Jan Fillmore (440) 729-4006 or Harry Askin (440) 835-0867.

The deadline for registration is January 15th, 2013.



THE CLEVELAND FOOD BANK

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: EVERY 4TH

MONDAY, 6-8PM

The Cleveland Foodbank supplies a majority of the food used in local hot meal sites, shelters, food pantries, child care centers, group homes and elderly programs across northeast Ohio.

Two years ago, a small group from WUMC started volunteering one time per month. The group sorts and re-packs food for the various programs offered through the Foodbank. The work is easy and very rewarding!

Would you like to be part of this great mission?

You can volunteer one time, several times, or every month – whatever works in your schedule. Carpools are organized from WUMC leaving around 5:20 p.m. and returning around 8:20 p.m. (*we always finish early!*). The Cleveland Foodbank: 15500 S. Waterloo Road, Cleveland.

REQUIREMENTS:

- You need to be at least 12 years old.
- You cannot wear sandals or open-toed shoes when you volunteer. (Tennis shoes are great)
- You must be able to stand, bend and lift small objects for two hours

Please consider giving your time to this great mission. If you are interested, please contact **Karla Lux (440) 892-9703** or karla_lux@yahoo.com.

Schedule 2012:

Monday, November 26th 6-8pm

Monday, December - CLOSED

Monday, January 28th 6-8pm

Thank you for your time and assistance!



Service Opportunities Continued



MONTHLY WUMC COMMUNITY DINNER

The number of guests attending our monthly Community Meal continues to increase. We would like to reach out to the congregation for help and support. The meal is offered the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH** here at the church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the following positions. You can volunteer one time or several times per your preference. Sign up sheets are posted in the front lobby.

POSITION	TIME COMMITMENT	RESPONSIBILITIES
HOST/HOSTESS	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Greet & seat guests as they arrive. Upon departure, thank guests for coming, gain feedback and remind them of next month's meal.
SERVER	5:15 – 7:00 p.m.	Serve beverages, salad, meal and dessert to guests. Remove all soiled dishes from table upon meal completion. Reset table as needed.
AMBASSADOR	5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Enjoy dinner with guests at their table. Share conversation and gain feedback.
DISHWASHER	5:45 – 7:00 p.m.	Run dish machine, store clean dishes.

The next dinner is November 28th. Please note that December's meal will be on the third, not fourth Wednesday, Wednesday, December 19th.

Questions? Contact the church office or talk with Barbara Canary, Chuck Lokar, Karen Braun, or Karla Lux



MISSION TRIP TO NUEVO PROGRESO, MEXICO

JANUARY 17-20, 2013 (*yep - that means 80° in the middle of January!*)

This is a medical mission in cooperation with West Ohio Conference and Manos Juntas, a Mexican UM mission organization. Providers, nurses, pharmacists, cooks, translators, other folks who want to do the good work are needed. We sleep and eat in Texas and work at a clinic in the *colonias* around Nuevo Progreso. Travel on Thursday, work two days, travel home on Sunday. (Monday is MLK Day!)

- **Cost:** \$225 plus airfare. (Apply for the UMWIM scholarship and North Coast District mission funding!)
- **More info:** www.westohioumc.org/medicalteams
- **Team leader:** Tammy Kuntz (330) 948-2424, tammylk58@gmail.com



MAIL UPDATES

Do we have your **current** email address?
Please send updates to westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org

Not currently receiving the Weekly Reminder and/or the monthly *Messenger* newsletter? Let Stephanie know!
(Snail mail address updates & phone changes important, too!)



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Rev. Jim Cake	Rev. Nancy Hull	Dr. Richard Parks
Rev. Ron Dietrich	Rev. Don Lefelar	Rev. Bob Remington
Rev. Diana Guyette	Dr. Richard Lehto	Rev. Tom Taylor

COMING UP THIS MONTH

SPUD NIGHT SERVANT AUCTION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 6:00—7:30 P.M.

- Tasty spuds with toppings galore!
- Live entertainment!
- Youth Servant Auction (Packages of Service/Care)!
- More info on page 3!



ALL ABOARD FOR JESUS!

HANGING OF THE GREENS
JOINS WITH POLAR EXPRESS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH,
4:30—7:00 P.M.



Join us for a family night of joyful Christmas anticipation, whimsy, fellowship, and nostalgia (and a bit of work, too).

More info on page 5!

*** * MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR DECEMBER: DUE NOVEMBER 15TH * ***

DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY
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Sunday Worship at
8:15 a.m. (Reflective)
10:00 a.m. (Classic)
11:21 a.m. (High Energy)

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