

The Messenger



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Pastoral Reflections

What will 2013 bring for the Westlake United Methodist Church? How did we do for 2012?

The data is not all in for 2012 but would offer these observations...

The obvious physical/property change has been the parking lot addition. The visual effect is beautiful. The path through the woods will become something that we treasure.

Our financial stewardship has been solid. God has provided for us through our giving. We are virtually half-way home with the Capital Campaign which is good, but more to be done.

As a community, there have been some great celebrations and some heartaches. We said farewell to Andy and family, as well as to Rev. Linda. Transitions are never easy, always a challenge. But yet God does provide!!

In regards to our Mission Service, we began a Community Meal. We have also solidified our relationship with Simpson UMC. We share community meals together, held our Church Conference with congregations in Cleveland, support clothing and food drives at Simpson. The Block Party was a great success held at Simpson.

We also continue to connect with West Side Community House.

For 2013, a major property issue will be the restoration/renovation of the organ. There are also roof repairs from Storm Sandy that will be done.

We expect God will provide for our needs as has been the history of our God and church.

2013 will continue to be times of engaging worship and spiritual development. The re-configured staff is working hard and working well. A key component has been the cadre of volunteers who serve the church faithfully in so many areas. As a church, we hope to offer a short term course in the fall on the basics of faith. It will be similar to some form of the Alpha program.

In regards to mission on the West Side of Cleveland, we are exploring various internships and longer mission service individuals (such as a US 2). The US 2 is a program of the Board of Global Ministries of the UMC. We will seek to keep you informed.

I look forward to the coming year and its possibilities!

In Christ,

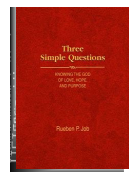
Pastor John



3 SIMPLE QUESTIONS BOOK STUDY

Join Rev. John as he leads a 4-week discussion on Bishop Reuben Job's book, *3 Simple Questions: Knowing the God of Love, Hope, and Purpose*

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend who is seeking to know more about God!



TUESDAYS @ 7PM —

Westlake Porter Public Library, Dover Room
Begins January 22nd for 4 weeks

THURSDAYS @ 2PM —

Westlake United Methodist Church
Begins January 24th for 4 weeks

WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



HOSPITALITY

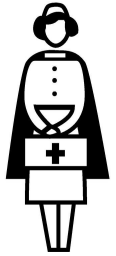
JANUARY COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

- January 6 Myron & Daryl Xenos
- January 13 Sue Clark
In honor of Barb Siwik and the Joyful Spirit Bell Choir
- January 20 Karen Sutherland
- January 27 OPEN



2013 Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed for Sundays in February—May! Please fill out the form on page 6, or pick one up in the lobby.

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, January 13th 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)

Income Statement—November 2012

	November 2012	YTD 2012	2011	YTD 2011	Annual Budget 2012
INCOME					
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$37,940.28	\$490,162.37	\$47,043.74	\$499,046.16	\$574,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,940.28	\$490,162.37	\$47,043.74	\$499,046.16	\$574,500.00
EXPENSES					
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.					
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$23,297.52	\$275,235.91	\$24,537.54	\$276,989.02	\$350,023.00
OFFICE EXP.	1,909.88	22,550.46	1,616.81	19,470.52	23,550.00
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	74.64	2,559.51	643.85	7,310.28	2,100.00
FACILITIES EXP.	6,042.37	62,084.29	5,257.55	69,316.43	75,900.00
Subtotal Expenses	31,324.41	362,430.17	32,055.75	373,086.25	451,573.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE					
MUSIC EXP.	62.50	2,457.20	410.12	3,034.89	4,250.00
WORSHIP EXP.	4.88	5,621.13	145.53	2,031.75	5,750.00
EDUCATION EXP.	151.14	8,128.61	1,071.52	8,174.70	11,870.00
OUTREACH EXP.	1,034.76	5,427.01	477.92	4,949.91	11,844.00
MISSION EXP.	6,267.78	68,505.48	5,902.12	80,636.66	89,213.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	7,521.06	90,139.43	8,007.21	98,827.91	122,927.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,845.47	452,569.60	40,062.96	471,914.16	574,500.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$905.19	\$24,256.37	\$6,980.78	\$27,132.00	\$0.00



DIRECT DEPOSIT OF YOUR OFFERINGS

Instead of writing contribution checks to the Church, please consider having your contribution directly deposited from your checking account into that of the Church.

If you are interested, please check with Sharon Stickler, Finance Manager, and she will give you the necessary form.

You have the choice of requesting deductions to be made either monthly or semi-monthly.



Weekday Mom's Group

**WEEKDAY MOMS GROUP &
CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH AND 22ND
9:30AM – 11:00 AM



Looking for that mom-spirit connection as you seek to raise your little ones in the faith? Join the moms as they resume their study of *The 10 principles for Spiritual Parenting*. Free professional childcare is offered for infants up to age 3. The older children will enjoy story hour time with our librarians, Judy McDonald and Nanci Danburg. Childcare spots are limited, so please call the office to reserve at (440) 871-3088 or email epfeiffer@westlakeumc.org.

New Member Classes



BEGIN TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH AT 7 P.M.

If you've been contemplating membership at Westlake UMC, join Rev. John at the church for coffee and conversation. This is an informal time to ask your questions and hear about the mission of Westlake UMC. Childcare is available if needed. Please contact the church office at (440) 871-3088 or email to westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org to let us know you can attend. Please join us!

United Methodist Women

General Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 10:30 A.M.



All women of our church — you are welcome to join our friendly group. It will be a great way to begin the new year! The meeting starts at 10:30 and lunch at 12:00 noon. Remember to bring your sandwich — dessert and beverage will be provided.

A pledge service will be included in this program along with an interesting presentation. Come Join Us!



The United Methodist Women wish to thank the congregation for their Christmas response of socks and underwear for children of Head Start and Guidestone (formerly Berea Children's Home). It was very much appreciated.



Performing Arts Series:

Seeks Troubadours and Fair Maidens!

It's the New Year, and the first special holiday of 2013 – Valentine's Day – is around the corner. Now that you've put away your holiday decorations, why not start a new tradition and become part of the annual Valentine concert?

The Performing Arts Series is seeking troubadours and fair maidens who have a penchant for singing, acting, or playing a musical instrument. You don't have to be a professional! We are looking for soloists, small ensembles, poetry readers, etc., to join members of the WUMC music ministry to participate in this event.

Special rehearsals will be held during the weeks leading up to the concert that will be held on Sunday afternoon, **February 10th at 4:00 p.m.** If you are interested and would like to be part of this sweet, fun-loving program, let us know by January 9th. Contact either Yolanda Crisp or Jenny Zapfe any Sunday after worship service, or send us an email at performingarts@westlakeumc.org. We'd love to have you share your gifts in this loving program open to all sweethearts!

~Yolanda Crisp, *Artistic Director,*
Performing Arts Series



Christ Care Groups

Outside of weekly worship, belonging to a Christ Care group is one of the most important things you can do to grow as a disciple of Christ. Meeting regularly with a small group of people, you will read scripture and inspirational writings, pray, and be supported as you seek to know how God is working in your life. There are many existing groups adding new members and new groups forming. Check the weekly FYI bulletin insert and lobby bulletin board for group details. Questions? Please contact Don Lefelar or Ellie Peiffer.

Christian Ed News



EPIPHANY: A PRESENTATION OF GIFTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

Like the Magi, let us be overjoyed with the birth of Christ. Let us worship and present him with gifts. The demand for incense isn't what it was long ago and gold isn't very practical, but there are babies in our community in need.

On Epiphany Sunday, January 6th, we ask you to consider bringing an **unopened package of diapers, or a can of baby formula (larger sizes preferred)** to be donated with Christ's love to families in need. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Ryan via cryan@westlakeumc.org or the church office (440) 871-3088.

SUPPLIES REQUESTED!

Thank you for all of your paper towel/TP tubes and gallon milk jugs... we have oodles! Now if you can help with *this* request: We need **CLEAN glass baby jars with lids...** you may place them in the container on the counter in 2 & 3 yr old room until January 14th. Thank you for your help!



WANTED:

Bakers and Cupcake Lovers



Silicone mats and parchment some of your favorite words? Do you look forward to your TLC baking shows? Please consider volunteering to help plan a WUMC family event — *Christian Cupcake Wars* coming this February. This call out is for volunteers interested in both planning, and helping the event. Please contact Carol Ryan via cryan@westlakeumc.org or the church office (440) 871-3088.

Donations Requested

COMMUNITY CORNER

Resale Shop Donations — Collection year-round!

Our church has been supporting Community Corner for over ten years. The need for winter clothing and household items is great. Place your items in the box in front of the kitchen in Fellowship Hall at church. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Judy Lawless (440) 327-7304.



All Church Pizza

Potluck & Games Night!



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH
6:00 - 8:30 P.M.
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Do you like pizza, board games, and fellowship? Please join us for a pizza potluck and game night!

Bring your favorite pizza and favorite board game to share. The church will provide tossed salad, drinks, and cookies for dessert.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and food!

If you will need childcare for your wee ones, please contact the church office to reserve space by January 21st. Thank you!

HATS AND GLOVES NEEDED!



Collection throughout the winter!

The 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. Please place in the basket in the lobby.



SUNDAYS

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FORUM (Gr. 9-12)

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

11:10 A.M.—12:10 P.M. IN YOUTH ROOM

NEW STUDY: "LESSONS ON KING DAVID"

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL MEET IN
EARLY JANUARY. DETAILS COMING VIA EMAIL...**

**ALL-YOUTH RETREAT & YOUTH WORSHIP PREP
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH—SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH
INTERFAITH CENTER AT THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT**



All youth, grades 7 - 12, are invited to retreat — be filled and have fun! All who plan to be a part of Youth Led Worship, February 3rd, should come to retreat! We will travel to Uni-

versity Circle area and be hosted in the Interfaith Center at The Church of the Covenant. Adult leaders and drivers are needed. Cost is \$25. All are welcome! Join us!



ALL YOUTH EVENT: LASERTAG & WHIRLYBALL SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH - MEET IN YOUTH ROOM

LUNCH SERVED AT 12:00 P.M., DEPART AT 12:30 P.M.

All youth are invited for a time to play at Whirlyball/LaserSport in Bedford Heights. This is an opportunity to enjoy the company of WUMC friends and invite others to church! All are encouraged to attend Senior High Youth Forum, or 11:21 Worship before departure. Adult drivers are needed. Cost is \$15. Bring money for snacks.

UPCOMING & IMPORTANT YOUTH LED WORSHIP!

Sunday, February 3rd

All youth, grades 7—12, are welcome to participate.

Rehearsal is Saturday, February 2nd at 6 p.m.

Preparations are being done during the All Youth Retreat in January. Please join us!

REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH MISSION 2013 IS DUE FEBRUARY 17TH!

More details coming at the retreat and online at the Youth tab of the website.

\$60 Registration, \$100 Due May 19th.

Look for the registration form online in January!



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



Care Packages for College-Aged Students

If you have a college-aged student that you would like us to send a care package to, please contact Anna Magill via email at: amagill@westlakeumc.org.

**We need their current address!
Thank you!**

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHRISTMASTIME VOLUNTEERS!

So many worked behind the scenes to welcome guests to our church on Christmas Eve.

Thank you to our office help, greeters, ushers, poinsettia set up, pew stewards, and community signage crew!



2012-13 COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIP

8:15 and 10:00 Service



\$35.00 will sponsor a Sunday Coffee Hour!

Encourage fellowship!
Welcome the WUMC Church family by funding a Sunday coffee hour.

However, you must be willing to relinquish the buying, preparing, hosting and clean-up for 200 people. All will be done by the Hospitality Team.

No work involved!
Enjoy fellowship with your church family

Unless you request a specific date, we will assign a Sunday that is open on the calendar. Please allow a 10-day notice to allow for table signage and listing in the weekly bulletin.

Name:

_____ (sponsoring individual, family or group)

**** Please mail this form with payment to the office, or leave this form and payment in the collection basket or in the Financial Manager's mailbox ****

Thank you for supporting this Hospitality ministry.

Church Family Focus

BAPTISMS

Anthony Robert Goehrke, son of Risa and John Goehrke, was baptized by Rev. John Butchko on November 25th. His godparents are Ryan and Michelle Dolatowski.



WITH SYMPATHY



Daniel Steiger, father of Diane Coppolino, passed away December 10th.

Maxine Miller, sister of Carolyn Remington, passed away on December 4th.

Zelma Whiteley, aunt of Janice Jensen, passed away on November 30th.

Lawrence Crisp, great-uncle of Yolanda Crisp, passed away November 28th.

Ruth Rieber, mother of Jay Rieber and Arlene Turocy, passed away on November 25th.

Betty Corwin, mother of Catherine Lewis, Stan Corwin, and Vicki Corwin, and former WUMC member, passed away on November 18th. A memorial service was officiated by Rev. John Butchko at WUMC on December 1st.

THANK YOU

Dear Westlake Moms & Caroling Group,

Thanks for the delicious cookies. I really enjoyed them. Also, for the carolers on Sunday, 12/16. Much appreciated, enjoyed, enjoyed.

Love,
Mary Jane Myers



Dear WUMC Carolers,

It was delightful to have all of you come to sing for me! I was thrilled to hear your beautiful voices, and add to the spirit of the season.

Many thanks,
Jeanne Bush

Dear Rev. Butchko and my Westlake Friends,



As I approach the end of the "work life" looking back and ahead, I would like to thank you for the years of friendship and the generous contribution to my retirement fund!

Blessings,
Bev Holland



January 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p>  <p>4:30pm Simpson UMC Community Meal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am Monday Morning Bells 12 pm All Staff Meeting (107)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am Kindermusik (103) 9:30am MOMs Group (106) 5 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 6:30pm Trustees (106)</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Kindermusik (103) 9-11am Craft Mtg EP (205) 10 am Bible Study (107) 10 am Parish Nurse Available 12 pm Purl Girls (100) 1:30pm PACE (103)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 am CWRU (107) 10:30am UMW Gen. Mtg (FH) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon. (100) 6 pm Yoga (103) 7 pm ChristCare—DL (205) 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>All Youth Retreat</i> →</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>1:2pm Youth: LaserTag & Whirllyball Social</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10 am Monday Morning Bells</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 am Kindermusik (103) 5 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7 pm 3 Ques. Book Study (Westlake Library)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 am Kindermusik (103) 10 am Parish Nurse Available 10 am Bible Study (107) 12 pm Purl Girls (100) 1:30pm PACE (103) 7:30pm CWRU (107)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10 am CWRU (107) 2 pm 3 Ques. Book Study (107) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon. (100) 6 pm Yoga (103) 7 pm ChristCare—DL (205) 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>		

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Rev. John Butchko

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Patti Barnes

Nursery Coordinator

Kevin Foster

Choir Director—ON LEAVE

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Annie Kaschube

Organist

Alexandra Kellatis

Childcare Assistant Coordinator

Ardith McCloy

Director of Handbells

Anna Magill

Youth Associate

Gretty Myers

Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Ellie Peiffer

Small Group & Welcoming Ministries

Carol Ryan

Christian Education Associate

Stephanie Schuerger-Fries

Office Manager

Sharon Stickler

Finance Manager

Kathy Tafuri

Volunteer Parish Nurse

Janie Zell

Nursery Assistant



OTHER PASTORS CONNECTED TO THIS CONGREGATION:

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

Events this month:

1/6 Epiphany — Bring unopened diapers or a can of formula to Sunday services

1/11-12 All Youth Retreat

1/15 New Member Class — Coffee with the Pastor

1/22 3 Questions Book Study begins at Westlake Porter Library

1/24 3 Questions Book Study begins at WUMC

1/25 All Church Pizza, Potluck & Game Night

See inside for details on all events!

* * MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY: DUE JANUARY 14 * *

Mailed December 28, 2012
DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY



Sunday Worship at
8:15 a.m. (Reflective)
10:00 a.m. (Classic)
11:21 a.m. (High Energy)

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