

# The Messenger



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



## Pastoral Reflections

It was a snowy morning as I was driving to Columbus for what I perceived would be an important meeting. It was not treacherous. But it was not enjoyable. There were snowy woods. And I thought of a poem from youth. *The woods are lovely, dark, and deep; But I have promises to keep. And miles to go before I sleep; And miles to go before I sleep.*

I am glad to be a part of a culture that has Robert Frost. As we approach Christmas with the already sense that it is wintertime, what does Christmas say to our culture? By culture I mean persons who find their identity in Christ and happen to be in Ohio, USA.

Christmas occurs just as the amount of daylight begins to increase in the northern hemisphere. There are three accounts of Christmas in the Gospels. Light is featured in each of them. In Matthew's account, the light of the star

guides the wise. In Luke's gospel, it is the brightness of the angel that frightens the shepherds. In John's Gospel, it is a more mysterious story that tells about the light that comes into the world that shines on all and takes away the darkness.

Christmas could be a time when Christians are reminded of the promises that we have made. Have we not made a promise to be light in the midst of the world? Have we not made a promise to be God's welcome to the sojourner, the frightened, and the discouraged? There is much work to be done.

Thanks be to God who came as light and continues to shine the light on us to shine on others. Share the Light!!!

In Grace and Hope,  
*Pastor John*

## Share the Message of Hope at Christmas

*Invite someone to Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship on Wednesday, December 24th*



3:00 p.m.	Traditional Candlelight Service
5:00 p.m.	Family Service
7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Service
9:00 p.m.	Traditional Candlelight Service

*\*Childcare available at all services*

Our church is beautiful and especially shines during the month of December. Share the gift of Advent and Christmas worship with those that don't have a church home. Many people are open to being invited to church at Christmas. There are business cards with our Christmas Eve worship times available for you to use. Keep one in your wallet to share with someone this holiday season!

### **Volunteers Needed on Christmas Eve and After!**

Please consider volunteering at a worship service in addition to the one you will attend. To serve as an usher, please email Duane Miller at [duanemiller@wowway.com](mailto:duanemiller@wowway.com). To serve as a greeter email Barbara Lachowicz at [blachowicz@preferredproperties.net](mailto:blachowicz@preferredproperties.net). To volunteer for our *Newcomer Mug Delivery Campaign*, please contact Ellie Peiffer at [epeiffer@westlakeumc.org](mailto:epeiffer@westlakeumc.org).



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

27650 Center Ridge Road \* Westlake, Ohio 44145 \* (440) 871-3088 \* [westlakeumc.org](http://westlakeumc.org)

Sunday Worship at 8:15, 10:00 and 11:28 a.m.

 **HOSPITALITY**

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsorships are available for our weekly coffee hours following Worship on Sundays. If you would be interested in sponsoring coffee hour, please submit an envelope with the sponsorship amount included (\$35 per Sunday) at the office prior to the week of the sponsorship or in the collection basket. Checks made payable to WUMC. **You can find Sponsorship forms on the table near the coffee at Fellowship Hour and in the lobby.**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS**

**DECEMBER**

December 7	Westlake UMW
December 14	George Vlach & Diane Ahlers
December 21	The Leader Family
December 28	The Young Family



**HERE WE COME A-CAROLING!**

**Annual WUMC Christmas Caroling  
December 14<sup>th</sup>: 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Caroling: (1) sing Christmas songs or hymns, especially in a group, (2) sing or say something happily, (3) a twisting of WUMC events by Carol Ryan to make mission opportunities for our kids. As in prior years, we welcome all those who enjoy singing and spreading His love to our membership community. Unique to this year, we are asking our **Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday schoolers** (and their families) to join our carolers and seize this fun opportunity as their class service project.

Come for the dinner, hot chocolate and cookies, or come for the giggles, or because you feel His love when you sing, or give of your time because you know it is important for our members who can no longer travel to church to feel our connection to their strong faith; come and join us. Gather in Room 205 at 3:00 on December 14<sup>th</sup> and we will get grouped to head out to sing at a few retirement communities. Many thanks to Annie Kaschube, the event's musical leader, and Holly Kessler, our event organizer! For more information, please contact Carol Ryan (440) 871-3088 or [cryan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:cryan@westlakeumc.org).

*Bring a friend! Fa la la la...*



**Music Celebration  
Sunday**

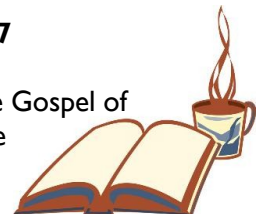
**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
at the 10:00 a.m. Service**

Join the Westlake UMC music program for our Music Celebration Sunday! The Children's Choir, Bell Choir, and Chancel Choir will be providing a multitude of seasonal music selections during the 10:00 service. Come out and celebrate with us as we sing and play to the Lord!

**Bible Study**

**Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17  
at 9:30 a.m. in Room 107**

Please join Rev. John for a look at the Gospel of John. All are welcome! We'll have the coffee on and waiting for you!



**PICTURE  
DIRECTORY  
UPDATES  
NEEDED!**

**Last call for pictures! Don't be left out!  
You can still send the office a digital photo to  
be included in the new directory addition. Email  
your family photo: [westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org](mailto:westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org)**



**MAIL UPDATES...** DO WE HAVE YOUR **CURRENT** EMAIL/REGULAR ADDRESS?

PLEASE SEND UPDATES TO [WESTLAKEUMC@WESTLAKEUMC.ORG](mailto:WESTLAKEUMC@WESTLAKEUMC.ORG)



## Weekday Moms Group



### WEEKDAY MOMS GROUP COOKIE BAKING

Tuesday, December 2nd  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The moms will be baking and decorating Christmas cookies for shut-ins and those needing a little cheer this holiday season. This is a great meeting to join us for the first time. Bring your cookie cooling rack along and a cookie tin! Free professional childcare is offered for infants and kids up to age 6. Childcare spots are limited so please call the office to reserve at (440) 871-3088 or email: [epeiffer@westlakeumc.org](mailto:epeiffer@westlakeumc.org)

## WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

*Honoring all children who have died too soon*

Westlake UMC will host a candle lighting in memory of all children who have died too soon. The gathering will include music, inspirational readings, and messages of hope. At 7 p.m. we will light candles to join the circle of light as it passes thru each time zone encircling the globe to honor the memory of children who were the light of so many lives. Parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends are invited to share in this time of healing and hope. Afterwards share time together with refreshments, a memory wall, and the release of candle lanterns so that the light of our children will always shine.

For more information: [compassionatefriends.org](http://compassionatefriends.org)



*This is the 18th annual  
Worldwide Candle  
Lighting sponsored by the  
Compassionate Friends,  
whose mission is to support  
families after a child  
has died.*

United Methodist Women  
present their Free Gift to  
All Westlake Church members & friends

*The Christmas Tea\*  
(and coffee)*



*Thursday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m.*

We will be entertained by storyteller,  
Barb Sutton, who will set the tone  
for the beautiful season ahead  
with "A Christmas Medley".

The program begins at 1:00 p.m. with  
a delicious reception to follow. This will  
be a wonderful event for men & women.

*\*Childcare is available upon request.*

*Please contact the church office by  
December 1st to reserve your child's spot!*

## Children's Choir!

Mark your calendars for December/January!

- Dec. 7 Additional rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. with adult choir in the Sanctuary
- Dec. 14 Singing a combined anthem with the adult choir and handbell choir at the 10:00 service. Have your child wear their khakis.
- Dec. 21 Happy Birthday Jesus Christmas party during our normal rehearsal time!
- Dec. 24 Singing at the 5:00 PM service. Children may wear Christmas attire of your choosing.
- Dec. 28 NO REHEARSAL
- Jan. 4 Rehearsal as usual!

### Questions?

Contact Annie Kaschube  
at (216) 862-1232 or  
[annie.kaschube@gmail.com](mailto:annie.kaschube@gmail.com)





## Opportunities in Generosity!



### SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR!

Collection through December 7th

The United Methodist Women are asking our church members and friends to donate socks and underwear to needy children (any children's size). These will be very much appreciated! Please leave them in the UMW basket in the lobby across from the elevator from November 16th through December 7th, or bring them to the Christmas Tea. Christian Blessings to All!



### CHRISTMAS WISH LIST COLLECTION FOR FLAT ROCK HOMES

Collection through December 7th

The Monday Afternoon Christcare group is sponsoring the Flat Rock Homes Giving Tree — located in the lobby, with tags that have gift requests from residents at Flat Rock\*. Please consider taking a tag and purchasing an **unwrapped** gift and returning it with the tag by December 7th. When you take a tag, please fill out the form by the tree with your name, contact info, and the tag number you took.

#### About Flat Rock

\*Flat Rock is a Christian based residence providing care and community services to children and adults diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To learn more about Flat Rock visit [www.flatrockhomes.org](http://www.flatrockhomes.org)

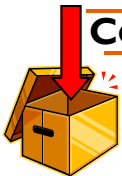


### SHIRTS, SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS NEEDED

Ongoing now throughout the winter!

The Wednesday afternoon Christ Care class is collecting items for the Toni Morrison Elementary School. They may be gently used and clean or new. These are for boys and girls, pre-school through 6th grade and 5-13 years old. There is box for your donations by the front office. **CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS OR SWEATERS - gray, black or navy blue. LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS (dress, turtleneck or plain polo) - white, gray, navy blue or black. USED BELTS.**

### COMMUNITY CORNER



Ongoing throughout the year!

Clothing, household goods, etc. Please bring to large wooden box in Fellowship Hall.

### CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY FOR FLAT ROCK CHILDREN'S HOME

Sunday, December 7th beginning at 5:00 p.m.



No time to buy gifts, or maybe you don't like shopping? The wrapping party is a way you and your whole family can participate by helping to wrap the gifts going to the children at Flat Rock Homes!

Enjoy holiday music and fellowship while we work. At 6:00 p.m. we will break for a simple supper with the Youth (provided by the Monday Afternoon ChristCare Group) and then finish up any remaining wrapping. Please sign up on the lobby bulletin board or RSVP to the office at [westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org](mailto:westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org)



### Poinsettias & the WUMC Scholarship Fund

When the preschoolers and kinders sing for us in the sanctuary, we witnessed service and leadership provided by one of our high school students. Our Sunday morning alternative program, SPICE (special people in Christian education), was lifted off the ground with the full commitment of one of our high school students. Boy Scout and Girl Scout service projects in our community are being lead by our kids. Over forty Sundays a year, for two years straight, a high school student drives herself to church waiting to be assigned to the Sunday school class in need of extra help... to say nothing of last year's confirmation class, and a few middle-schoolers, who jump in to help in their communities as well as in their church.

Five years ago, I saw the stands, rail, and steps adorned with poinsettias as living celebration of the season. I saw each one as someone's memory or recognition of a loved one. It is both. But your contribution by purchasing poinsettias, donating more than suggested for poinsettias, or just making a contribution earmarked for the Westlake UMC Scholarship Fund helps our church family provide recognition to our college bound service seeking seniors each year. These contributions, as well as Easter flowers, together with Wayne Asplin's Scholarship Fund, and Carl Zellers Memorial Fund unlike the poinsettias will continue to grow. Order forms are available at church, and are due on/before December 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Celebrating Adoption

*In November, we celebrated National Adoption month. Westlake UMC was privileged to have two of its members share their families' stories of adoption. In case you these stories, we are reprinting Jen Kessen and Stephanie McNamara's reflections of love that ran in the bulletins in November.*

### THIS IS FOREVER

There is this indescribable and unforgettable moment that happens the first time you hold your child in your arms. It is a moment of pure and overwhelming love.

I remember shaking like a leaf in the hospital room, looking at my daughter with her chubby cheeks and full head of dark hair, as her grandmother placed her in my arms. Tears rolled down my cheeks and inside I was a million emotions at once. There was so much love in one room, all for one, small, perfect baby.

Three days after her birth, our oldest son met his sister for the first time. In that exact moment, we were a family. Forever.

Our daughter Audrey was adopted. It is how we chose to grow our family. There are many different ways in which a family is made, and thankfully love is not dependent on genetics. Audrey will always have our love and most importantly, God's love. She is also loved so deeply by her birth parents, who so courageously made the best decision for her at the time of her birth.

Children are a beautiful and precious gift; a gift from God above. It doesn't matter if they come to you from half way around the world, two hours away or were delivered at the local hospital. It doesn't matter if your child arrived to you one day new or eight years old. Children are a gift. In honor of National Adoption Month, please consider adopting a child and creating a forever family. If you can't adopt, please foster, sponsor a child or donate to an adopting family or orphanage. Speak openly about adoption. It is the gift of life, the gift of love!

*The first time that we saw you was like a dream come true,  
We didn't give you the gift of life; Life gave us the gift of you.*

~ Jen Kessen

### BE OPEN TO GOD'S PLAN

I am a bit of a control freak. I like to be in charge. One of my daily prayers is, "God, use me to do your will." It is a daily prayer because I need to be continually reminded that God has a plan for my life. It is not my own plan, but His. When things go well in my life, it is because I am open to listening to God's plan, and not just my own wants and desires.

After years of trying to get pregnant, and a series of miscarriages, we were blessed with a healthy pregnancy and the birth of healthy baby girl, our Molly. We thanked God (and

continue to thank Him) for this beautiful, amazing, miracle child. We continued to try to get pregnant. Years later, after two failed IVF (in vitro fertilization) attempts and lots of prayer, God answered our prayers again. This time it was with a child from across the globe, Shim Soo Hyuk, our Daniel. Daniel was born the day after we learned the devastating news that we had no healthy embryos to implant. He was (and is) an answer to our prayers. God meant for this wonderful, funny child to be part of our family.

We thank God every day for both of our amazing, miracle children, for Daniel's birth parents, and for opening our eyes to His plan for our family. Open your eyes to God's plan in your lives, whatever that path might be.

*God, help us to see your work in our lives. Reveal yourself to us and use us, Lord, to do your work on this earth. Amen.*

~Stephanie McNamara

## Christian Ed News

FROM THE DESK OF  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### Sunday School Announcements

**December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Fourth Grade and up to worship with family. Kinder – third grade may opt for class with Mrs. Ryan, or worship with family. Preschool and younger will have class as usual.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation class to worship together this special Sunday. Please join teacher in reserved pews.

### We Volunteers

It is time for a front stage thanks to our behind the scenes volunteers. Thank you to the adults who send off and retrieve our acolytes each week, **Jane Shami** and **Ceci Steinman**. Abundant applause for **Virginia Birkhimer** who worked quickly and quietly to organize supplies, and purge the broken, and unusable items from classrooms/supply room. Lastly, for punching out over 300 perforated class materials from wheat to Pharaoh headpieces to angels, and folding countless Bible stories for our youngest friends, please join me in thanking **Kim Kuenzer!** We know these ladies will return for encore performances, but don't let that stop **you** from volunteering to serve in a classroom or with Youth Group, or behind the scenes. Contact Carol Ryan via the church office (440) 871-3088 or at [cryan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:cryan@westlakeumc.org) for more opportunities.

# ATTENTION YOUTH!

... Have you heard?

## MISSIONS NEWS

All current 8th graders through seniors are invited on our missions trip next summer! We will be traveling to the Appalachian Mountains in July. In order to secure your spot on our trip, which will be **July 19th -- 24th, 2015**, a **\$50 deposit** will be due by **January 10th**. This money will secure your spot. For more information, please contact Rachael Haning and/or see youth emails! Reserve your spot today; you won't want to miss it!

**\*\*Don't worry middle school students (and current 5th graders!), your missions trip info will be coming out soon! \*\***

Thank you to the Stenger and Marshall families for providing dinner in November! It was delicious! Stay tuned for sign-ups for Winter Youth dates!

## DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/7 Regular Youth 5-8 (T2T 5-7, HS 6-8)
- 12/14 **NO Youth**
- 12/21 **Youth Christmas Party!!!** All: Bring a white elephant gift. Boys: Drinks to share  
Girls: Christmas Cookies to share
- 12/28 Youth Christmas Holidays
- 1/4/15 Youth Christmas Holidays

## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

1/11/2015 -- Start your new year off with us!  
Regular Youth 5-8 — PLEASE JOIN US! —



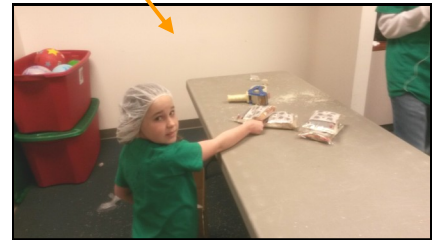
QUESTIONS? CONTACT RACHAEL HANING, YOUTH COORDINATOR

YOUTH@WESTLAKEUMC.ORG

## YOUTH MINI-MISSION TRIP!



Our Youth participated in an epically large Stop Hunger Now event in Tipp City, packaging 100,000 meals! They also worshiped with Methodist Youth from around the state. Great job to all who attended!



## Facility Focus Groups

**SESSION 1: MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 7:00 P.M.**

**SESSION 2: MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 7:00 P.M.**

On Sunday, November 23rd, Ron Rennard, Trustee chair, addressed the congregation during the 10:00 service offering input from Trustees regarding possible future changes to the church facility. This included, but was not limited to: ADA men's and women's restrooms on the main Sanctuary level, a practice area for the choir, and better flow upstairs and downstairs.



You are invited to attend either of the Facility Focus Group sessions to provide your input.

Duane Van Dyke, our architect, will facilitate the discussion. Both sessions are open to all (no RSVP required) and will take place in Fellowship Hall, lasting at least 30 minutes in duration. Participation from all congregations members is welcome and encouraged! (A third session may be added later in December — watch the weekly bulletin for more information!)

There will also be a "Facility Suggestion Box" located at the church office window from December 1st—December 15th. You are welcome to drop off your input and ideas at any time!





## Church Family Focus



### WITH SYMPATHY

**Ila Kremer**, mother of Scott Kremer, passed away November 5th.



### THANK YOU

**Dear Westlake UMC,**

Thank you for hosting Great Cleveland Church Women United's "Church Women's Day." Your hospitality and beautiful facility were greatly appreciated.

*Nancy Knowlton, co-facilitator Parma Southwest CWU & Estella Benton, coordinator of Church Women United Fellowship Day*

**Dear Westlake UMC Friends,**

Thank you for allowing us to host our campaign kick-off meeting at Westlake UMC! The meeting was a great success and it was convenient for a number of attendees to have the event in Westlake. Thank you for your hospitality! It is such a blessing to have friends like you who open the doors of your church whenever there is a need.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Blessings,

*Becky Machovec,*

*Campaign & Marketing Coordinator of Flat Rock Homes*



### **INSULATION WORK AT WUMC**

*Trustees worked on re-insulating the ceiling above the church lobby on November 24th. Thanks to Ron Rennard, Chris Tilton, and Russ Miller (husband of Trustee, Carole Miller) for their hard work.*



## From the Parish Nurse...

Kathy Tafuri, our WUMC Volunteer Parish Nurse, may be reached at (440) 871-3088 x17, or [ktafari@westlakeumc.org](mailto:ktafari@westlakeumc.org) with health-related concerns. Free blood pressure screenings available most Sundays after coffee hour.

***P.N. News:*** *Kathy is available on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. to address your health concerns, plus offer free blood pressure screenings. Stop by to see her!*

## OSHIIP Update!

### **GOT MEDICARE????**

**2015 Annual Open Enrollment is  
October 15th – December 7th**



**ATTENTION: Over 65 on Medicare; Under 65 on a Medicare Disability; On a retiree health plan that is changing coverage benefits**

You still have time to review your options! Consider ALL of the costs to the plan you choose... the monthly premium, deductible, any Out of Pocket health costs and prescription costs!

Contact the OSHIIP Consumer Hotline 1-800-686-8657 or an OSHIIP Medicare trained counselor

## HAVE A MEDICARE QUESTION?

### **ASK PATRICIA...**


**Question:** *I looked over my plan information and my Part D plan covers all my medications. Do I still need to research other plan options for 2015?*

**Answer:** Yes! Even if a plan covers all of your meds, may not mean it is the most cost effective plan for you. Although we often are reluctant to change, reviewing the options each year is an important step and can identify savings.

Based on the medications you take today, what will your costs be in 2015? Will the pharmacy you use still accept your plan in 2015? Is there a preferred pharmacy convenient to where you live? Is mail order available?

**Are you eligible for a Low-income Subsidy (LIS, also called Extra-Help)?**

*Know your options! Choose wisely.  
Patricia Whited Stineman 440-781-1383.*



**Reminder from  
the Financial  
Manager's  
Office:**

**Donations intended to be credited to 2014  
MUST be received in the church office by  
Tuesday, December 30th, 2014 at 12 noon.  
Thank you!**

**Any questions,  
please contact Sharon Parks Stickler  
at (440) 871-3088 x12  
or [sstickler@westlakeumc.org](mailto:sstickler@westlakeumc.org)**

## Year End Giving



While we are in the season of giving and receiving gifts in recognition of God's goodness and blessings, you may want to consider an above and beyond gift to the church. The WUMC Legacy Gifts are managed by the experts at the East Ohio Foundation until such time as they are needed to support building, mission, scholarship or library expenditures that are in excess of our operating budget. Over the years, people who have given legacy gifts have played an important role in establishing, sustaining and growing the physical infrastructure and missional outreach of the church. If you have questions about how to give a Legacy Gift, please contact John Rife, Legacy Giving Team Chair, or Sharon Parks Stickler, Finance Manager.

## Income Statement—October 2014

	October 2014	YTD 2014	2013	YTD 2013	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2014
<b>INCOME</b>						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$42,167.67	\$438,616.84	\$39,100.18	\$448,686.42	\$465,460.80	\$560,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$42,167.67</b>	<b>\$438,616.84</b>	<b>\$39,100.18</b>	<b>\$448,686.42</b>	<b>\$465,460.80</b>	<b>\$560,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.</b>						
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$27,966.07	\$258,272.01	\$25,677.89	\$243,335.94	\$268,278.20	\$321,934.00
OFFICE EXP.	1,7676.14	20,586.41	1,960.35	19,419.07	19,916.70	23,300.00
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	185.37	1,962.23	264.77	1,878.23	1,613.30	1,880.00
FACILITIES EXP.	-6,056.95	65,639.85	6,570.43	56,948.32	70,111.60	82,459.00
Subtotal Expenses	23,861.63	346,460.50	34,473.44	321,581.56	359,919.80	429,573.00
<b>MINISTRY EXPENSE</b>						
MUSIC EXP.	284.63	835.45	46.55	2,386.33	3,416.60	4,100.00
WORSHIP EXP.	712.62	7,274.35	456.19	2,967.04	4,000.00	4,800.00
EDUCATION EXP.	2,503.68	11,123.53	1,193.79	9,783.62	10,833.20	13,000.00
OUTREACH EXP.	710.19	5,661.55	1,089.30	7,107.78	6,000.00	7,200.00
MISSION EXP.	6,702.44	61,824.54	12,439.05	69,578.25	71,954.20	86,345.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	10,913.56	86,719.42	15,224.88	91,823.02	96,204.00	115,445.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>34,775.19</b>	<b>433,179.92</b>	<b>49,698.32</b>	<b>413,404.58</b>	<b>456,123.80</b>	<b>545,018.00</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,392.48</b>	<b>\$5,436.92</b>	<b>-\$10,598.14</b>	<b>\$35,281.84</b>	<b>\$9,337.00</b>	<b>\$14,982.00</b>



# Equal Exchange Holiday Order Form

**Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate & Snacks**

*A gift from Equal Exchange is the perfect answer to the "What do I get this person for Christmas?" question! Teachers, friends, family, Santa himself... who doesn't love a treat!?!*

See the large selection of products below, knowing that your purchase supports Fair Trade and Westlake UMC's Mission Team activities.

ITEM	Price	Qty.	Total (\$)
<b>COFFEES... (12 oz. bags)</b>			
Café Salvador	Drip Grind	\$7.00	
Bright Day Brew	Drip Grind	\$7.00	
Organic Mind, Body & Soul (Medium/Vienna Roast)	Drip Grind	\$7.50	
Organic Breakfast Blend (Medium/French Roast)	Drip Grind	\$7.50	
Organic Columbian (Full City Roast)	Drip Grind	\$7.50	
Organic Ethiopian (Full City Roast)	Drip Grind	\$7.50	
Hope's Blend (14 oz.)	Drip Grind	\$8.00	
Organic French Roast (10 oz.)	Whole Bean	\$7.50	
<b>FLAVORED COFFEES... (12 oz. bags)</b>			
French Vanilla (Medium Roast)	Drip Grind	\$8.00	
Hazelnut Crème (Medium Roast)	Drip Grind	\$8.00	
Toffee Caramel (Medium Roast)	Drip Grind	\$8.00	
<b>DECAF COFFEES...</b>			
Organic (Bountiful Blend) (14 oz.)	Drip Grind	\$9.50	
Cozy Cup (Full City Roast) (12 oz.)	Drip Grind	\$8.00	
Hazelnut Crème (Medium Roast) (12oz.)	Drip Grind	\$9.00	

Over for more delicious items! →

ITEMS	Price	Qty.	Total (\$)
<b>ORGANIC TEAS...</b>			
English Breakfast Tea	\$3.25		
English Breakfast Tea — caffeine free	\$3.25		
Jasmine Green	\$3.25		
Black Tea	\$3.25		
Chamomile — caffeine free	\$3.25		
Peppermint — caffeine free	\$3.25		
<b>ORGANIC CHOCOLATE BARS (3.5 oz.)</b>			
Milk Chocolate	\$3.00		
Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt (41% cacao)	\$3.00		
Dark Chocolate with Almonds (55% cacao)	\$3.00		
Very Dark Chocolate (71% cacao)	\$3.00		
Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt (55% cacao)	\$3.00		
Dark Chocolate Orange (65% cacao)	\$3.00		
Dark Mint Chocolate (67% cacao)	\$3.00		
Panama Extra Dark (80% cacao)	\$3.00		
Dark Chocolate Lemon Ginger with Black Pepper (55% cacao)	\$3.00		
Dark Chocolate with Raspberries (60% cacao)	\$3.00		
Dark Chocolate with Coconut (60% cacao)	\$3.00		
<b>COCOA...</b>			
Organic Hot Cocoa Mix (12 oz. can)	\$5.50		
Unsweetened Baking Cocoa (8 oz.)	\$5.50		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>

Please fill out and turn in to “Java” Jim Gramlich (or put the form in the Fair Trade mailbox) by **Sunday, December 14th**.  
 Orders will be available the Sunday after they are placed. Payment will be collected when you pick up your order.

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# December

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>10 am Monday Morning Bells 12 pm All Staff Meeting (107) 12:45pm ChristCare—EP (205) 7 pm ChristCare—GLJL (205) 7 pm Leadership Council (107)</p>	<p>9am MOMs Group (Kirchen) 7pm SPRC (107)</p> <p>NO Choristers</p>	<p>9:30am Bible Study (107) 12pm Purl Girls (205) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm PACE (103) 2pm ChristCare—JMc (205) 7pm ChristCare—GM (205) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 1:00 pm UMW Christmas Tea (P. Hall/Sanct) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 7pm ChristCare—DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10am-7pm — Recitals Avon Music School 6:30pm ChristCare—JK/LK</p>
<p>7 <i>Poinsettia Orders Due!</i> <b>Flat Rock Gift Wrap Party 5—8 p.m. (105-6-7)</b> <b>Youth Group 5—8 pm (FH)</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p>8 10 am Monday Morning Bells 12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 12:45pm ChristCare—EP (205) 7 pm ChristCare—GLJL (205) 7 pm Stephen Ministry (107) 7 pm Trustees (106)</p>	<p>9 5 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH)</p>	<p>10 9:30am Bible Study (107) 12pm Purl Girls (205) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm PACE (103) 7pm ChristCare—GM (205) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) 7pm ChristCare—DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 <b>MUSIC SUNDAY</b> <b>All-Church Caroling 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>World Wide Candle Lighting Service 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p>15 10am Monday Morning Bells 12:45pm ChristCare—EP (205) 7 pm ChristCare—GLJL (205) 7 pm Finance Committee (107)</p> <p><b>MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2015</b></p>	<p>16 9:30am MOMs Group (106) 5 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH)</p>	<p>17 9:30am Bible Study (107) 12pm Purl Girls (205) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm PACE (103) 2pm ChristCare—JMc (205) 5:30pm <b>Community Meal</b> 7pm ChristCare—GM (205) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 10am UMW Mission (FH) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 7pm ChristCare—DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 <b>Youth Group Christmas Party 5—7 pm (FH)</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p>22 10am Monday Morning Bells 12:45pm ChristCare—EP (205) 7 pm ChristCare—GLJL (205)</p>	<p>23 NO Choristers</p>	<p>24 3:00 pm Traditional Service 5:00 pm Family Service 7:00 pm Contemporary Service 9:00 pm Traditional Service</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p>	<p>25 <b>Blessed Christmas</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b></p>	<p>26 <b>Church Office Closed</b></p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 <b>—No Youth Group—</b></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 <b>2014 DONATIONS DUE BY 12 NOON TO OFFICE</b> NO Choristers</p>	<p>31 <b>Church office closes at 2 p.m.</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b></p>			

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\* \* **MESSANGER ARTICLES FOR JANUARY 2015: DUE MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH** \* \*

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Sunday Worship at  
8:15 a.m. (Reflective)  
10:00 a.m. (Classic)  
11:28 a.m. (High Energy)

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