

THE MESSENGER



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To live so that others will become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Pastoral Reflections: From Pastor John



I am surprised to be writing my last newsletter article. It is on time but not early. I am extremely grateful for the life I have had so far and to have had the opportunity to be pastor at Westlake and five other congregations in the East Ohio Conference.

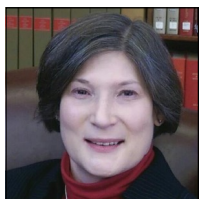
People ask "so what are you going to do?" I hope to wake up each day and find what I can do today to promote the kingdom of God in greater Cleveland as a follower of Christ. I hope to do something each day to proclaim the wondrous grace of Christ.

I also await with prayerful anticipation the birth of a grandchild in October and have no idea what the adventure will mean. I anticipate going to church just once most Sundays, which will be a significant departure from most of the last 20 years.

I am excited to know Pastor Mollie Brown and that she will lead this congregation into a future that befits the faithful Disciples of Christ. If I did not believe this to be so I would not say it. I would just say, "Good luck folks!" or something else somewhat polite.

I am grateful for the journey, and in the words of Looney Tunes... "That's all folks."

Grace and Peace, *Rev. John*



Pastoral Reflections: From Pastor Mollie

Greetings!

I would like to thank the people of Westlake UMC for the warm welcome that I have already received as I begin the transition into the role of your new pastor. The Staff Parish Relations Committee, the church staff, and Rev. John Butchko have all graciously given of their time and have shared their insights with me over the past several weeks. It was truly a joy to be able to spend a few moments with those who gathered for worship on Good Friday. I look forward to July 1 when we will begin our journey together in serving our risen Lord through the ministry and mission of Westlake UMC.

For those of you with whom I have had the pleasure of speaking, I suspect that you may have noted a bit of a southern accent. I was born and raised in a small town in Virginia approximately 20 miles from historic Williamsburg. The city of Richmond was home for many years during my college days at the health sciences division of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and as I began my career in healthcare. Once my husband Doug completed his Ph. D. in medicinal chemistry from VCU

we began a series of moves around the country for our respective careers. Doug has worked in pharmaceutical research and development for over 25 years. Prior to entering the ministry, I was an executive in the health-care industry having served as the president of companies in Cleveland and Atlanta.

As I believe you are aware, I have been serving as the pastor of Sharon Center UMC in the Canal District for the past four years. While in seminary at United Theological Seminary in Dayton my focus was on church renewal. I firmly believe that our Wesleyan tradition and theology position us uniquely well to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

During this time of transition, I will continue to hold the people of Westlake UMC in prayer, and I welcome your prayers for my family and for me.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mollie

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27650 Center Ridge Road * Westlake, Ohio 44145 * (440) 871-3088 * westlakeumc.org

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

Join us for Rev. John's Retirement Party!

Saturday, June 13
12 - 2:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ball Park eats! Chardon Polka Band! Dancing! Pie!

Visit westlakeumc.org for a [link](#) to help with festivities!

Sign up to bring a pie, set-up, or clean-up!

...or call the office to sign up!

Please RSVP by June 7

Email response to westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org,

call the church office (440) 871-3088,

or sign up on bulletin board in lobby

WUMC NEWS & UPDATES

Welcome Pastor Mollie!

Pastor Mollie Brown's first Sunday as the new Senior Pastor will be on July 5th. Look for small group meetings over the summer for you to meet her in a small group setting. If you would like to host one of these gatherings in your home, please let the office know via email at westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org. If you want to send a welcoming greeting to Pastor Mollie's new home you can send mail to her beginning June 15th at:



Pastor Mollie Brown
3115 Bay Landing Dr. #9
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Nametags!

You are encouraged to start (or continue) wearing your nametags each Sunday. This is not only a great way to welcome and introduce yourself to visitors, but it will be a way for Pastor Mollie to get to know people when she arrives! **Don't have a nametag, or lost your old one?** No problem! You can sign up for a nametag on the clipboard in the lobby across from the elevator, or contact the church office, or email Ellie Peiffer at epfeiffer@westlakeumc.org. And FYI, you do not have to be a member to request and wear one.



Trustee Work Day a Success!

Thanks to the Trustees for hosting a very productive Spring work day! It takes the combined efforts of the whole church to maintain the facility. Thanks to those who were able to come out to pitch in to pitch out and straighten up inside and out!

Ron Rennard
Carole Miller
Robin & John Carreon
Rev John Butchko
Ellie Peiffer
Jim & Gail Schmitz
Diana Stacho
Donn Belzer
Kay & Dick Swartz
Ben Ligas
Peg Lundberg
Joyce Stenger
Judy McDonald
Bill Penney

John Penney
Ken Wardell
Scott Rennard
Gary Linch
Rod Erskine
Jim & Jackie Gramlich
Mary Lou Lefelar
Jim Kubancik
The Youth Group &
Rachael Haning!





United Methodist Women

Annual Picnic Potluck

Thursday, June 11th at 12noon

This joyful afternoon will be at Wesleyan Meadows in Sheffield Village. Maps will be available in the church office. Those who care to carpool can meet in the rear church parking lot at 11:15 a.m. Please bring a dish to share. This gathering is open to everyone and will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with new friends.

Our 1:00 p.m. program will be performed by Mickey Hopp, flautist.

We look forward to seeing you at 12 noon. Please join us! If you have any questions, please call Mary Klag (440) 934-8084.



Thank you, friends,
for your splendid support
of the UMW flower sale.
The proceeds will be used for many
worthy causes. Many will benefit!



Hospitality

June Coffee Fellowship Time Sponsors :

- June 7 For the kindness and patience of a loving fellowship at WUMC. Thank you!
- June 14 Monday Afternoon ChristCare Group
- June 21 Celebrating Rev. John Butchko
- June 28 Wednesday Afternoon ChristCare Group

Summer Coffee Hour Tradition Continues

Connect with old and new church friends on the East lawn after the 10 a.m. service and before 11:28! Groups are still needed to fill all the summer Sundays so if your group, family or friends can get together to host a coffee hour, please contact

Gail Schmitz at gail669@wowway.com or
Ellie Peiffer at epeiffer@westlakeumc.org

It's easy and the congregation will really appreciate it!

Welcome New Members!

We celebrate that 9 people joined the church during the 11:28 a.m. worship service on May 3rd. Please give a warm welcome to the following people who infuse our contemporary service with energy and passion as we follow Jesus together:

Rick & Carol Cazzarin
Beth Dudik
Ron Mitterholzer
Julie Mitterholzer
Dan & Heather Heberlein
Rich Gallo
Shannon Eichorn



Welcome

Photo Directory — Updates



It's not too late! If you have an updated picture for the directory, please send it to the church office to be included! Please consider a new picture especially if your now-middle-schooler is seated on your lap in your last photo! Please email to: westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org

Our 2015 Confirmands:

Standing: Sam Marshall, Kaela Ryan, Peyton Hahn,
Eliza Steinman, Liam Hamm,
Seated: Mollie McNamara, Katelin Stenger

CHRISTIAN ED & FAMILY EVENTS



From the Desk of Christian Ed

Carol Ryan, cryan@westlakeumc.org

The summer holiday and break from school impacts many church-going families' attendance. Folks are out in the world making a difference, making lasting memories, and hopefully some of the fantastic mud pies Mrs. Haning showed us how to make!

There is a great message we demonstrate to kids by making special time together in the summer. So don't get me wrong, I know I will be left missing many of you throughout the hot days. I do suggest, as parents, we think about the message we send our kids. We may embrace some summer fun vs. a message of not attending church because older children are expected to share in worship. Do we send a message that worship is boring, or that a church service doesn't welcome children? I'm sure we don't intend to send that message. Do we as a congregation support young families during these months by directing great and welcoming questions to children?

Children are encouraged to participate in worship by singing, praying, following along in the pew Bible, sharing THEIR joys and concerns, receiving communion, or participating solo or as a family (greeter, usher, liturgist, etc.). A good teacher friend of mine would also note the value of building up children's "sitting chops".

Children's worship bags will return this summer with entering 4th and 5th graders in mind. If you come across any useful websites or ideas our children might enjoy via the worship bags, please let me know via the church office or cryan@westlakeumc.org.



SUMMER CHILDREN'S CLASSES

On June 14th, we will celebrate the end of the school year and a great year together of sharing and growing in faith (and fun, of course!).

Sundays starting with **June 21 – August 30**, our summer Sunday school routine will commence. For children who have NOT attended kindergarten to date, your programs remain the same: **Nursery, 2-3 year old class, and Bee-lievers preschool class** (at 10 a.m. only). Preschoolers who are entering kinder in the fall will change Sunday school class level in the fall.

Children **entering first, second, or third grade only** (or said backwards, having completed kinder, first, or second grade only) will be dismissed from worship to join a multi-age and amazingly fun Sunday learning program. Parents/guardians will pick such kiddos up at the conclusion of worship in Room 103.

**TEEN/YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
CONTINUE OVER THE SUMMER**



RALLY SUNDAY

Yes, really! Rally Sunday is tentatively scheduled for September 13th! Rally Sunday marks the point when children, tweens, and teens, will move into new groups for the year. Confirmation class kick-off is tentatively scheduled for September 20th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WINTER WEAR CLOTHING / BOOTS DRIVE & WUMC "MUSICAL PERFORMANCE"



Just a heads-up, VBS service project will be collecting winter outer wear and boots. The middle school VBS program will be seeking monetary donations for Cleveland Shoes and Clothes program which provides children in need with new winter gear. So before those outgrown coats head off to a charity pick-up or get buried under a mountain of winter school clothes, we wanted to encourage folks to prepare. If you are interested in making a donation, but do not have a child participating in VBS, please contact Carol Ryan via the church office or send an email: cryan@westlakeumc.org.

In addition to thinking ahead to the service project, please mark your calendars! On **Father's Day, June 21st**, our VBSers (>6th grade) will have an opportunity to perform one of their terrific new songs learned during their week experience with VBS!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY, AND OTHER FUN SUMMER DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Before we schedule some drop-in summer programs for our school aged kids, we encourage teens and adults will to volunteer as "extra hands" to contact Carol Ryan. If there is an interested child in your home (friends welcome too), please complete the interest survey being emailed to parents.



Attention Youth! Have you heard....

JUNE EVENTS:

(High School Sunday School will continue as normal, but we will only have special Youth events for the summer)

June 6th: 10 a.m. until finished (lunch will be provided)
—Come paint the Youth Room! 6th-12th grade

June 15th-19th: VBS... If you are 11th-12th grade. Have you signed up to help??

June 28th: Water Game Day! Come from 3:00—5:00 p.m. to play a variety of epically awesome water games. Wear clothes/swimsuits to get wet. Bring a friend. We will end the time with Popsicle deliciousness!

QUESTIONS? Contact Rachael Haning, WUMC Youth Coordinator at youth@westlakeumc.org

MISSIONS

UMCOR Health Kits

Elaine Hermetet is attending the Annual Conference in Lakeside this June. As a delegate, she is helping to collect health kits for UMCOR which can be sent out in times of emergency. These basic necessities need to be wrapped in the requested hand towel and placed in a new, one-gallon plastic zip closure bag. A box for collection is located in the church lobby near the office.

If you would like to create and donate a health kit, the contents needed include all of the following:

- ♦ 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27" — no kitchen towels)
- ♦ 1 washcloth
- ♦ 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- ♦ 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- ♦ 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- ♦ 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- ♦ 6 adhesive plastic-strip sterile bandages
- ♦ \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Completed health kits are needed by Friday, June 12th. Questions? Contact Elaine at (440) 734-4219.

The Youth are looking for a crafty person who would be willing to make a **DURABLE WOODEN COFFEE TABLE** for the Youth Room.

If that is you,
please contact Rachael:
youth@westlakeumc.org



The "Did You Know?" communication piece will be a monthly feature in the messenger. It is in response to Focus Group requests for more information about the amazing things that happen at the church. If you are wondering about a ministry or initiative, chances are others are curious too! Please contact the church office and we will include your question and answer in a future "Did You Know" feature.

FACILITIES TASK FORCE EXAMINING EXPANSION & IMPROVEMENT NEEDS

The March Charge Conference voted to give Tracy Heberle, Leadership Council Chairperson, authority to appoint a Facilities Task Force charged with developing a scoping document as it relates to future building needs of the congregation. Tracy along with Ron Rennard, Trustee Chairperson, commissioned a group to begin the process.

The task force is made up of: Don Lefelar (chair), Harry Askin, Curtis Danburg, Shannon Eichorn, Deb Kremer, Ellie Peiffer, and the pastor as ex officio.

The Task Force has met several times as they work to prioritize the needs raised by congregational focus groups in light of future church growth and vitality. All team members are available for your questions or ideas as they work through this inquiry phase.

CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

Life Events

WITH SYMPATHY

Linda Nunney, WUMC member, and wife of George Nunney, passed away May 12th. Rev. John Butchko officiated her memorial service on May 16th at Westlake UMC.



Thanks!

I want **thank the members of Westlake UMC, Staff Parish Committee, and the many members of the Monday Morning and Joyful Noise Handbell Choirs** for the wonderful celebration of my many years on staff. I certainly did not expect such a celebration, and my heart is full with the memories of Sunday, May 10th, 2015. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

~Ardy McCloy, Dir. Of Handbells

Thank you, church members, for your generous donation of cookies for the USO Canteen. They will be very much appreciated!

~Westlake United Methodist Women

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income Statement—April 2015

	April 2015	YTD 2015	2014	YTD 2014	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2015
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$36,319.85	\$167,438.65	\$51,886.77	\$197,819.02	\$193,333.32	\$580,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$36,319.85	\$167,438.65	\$51,886.77	\$197,819.02	\$193,333.32	\$580,000.00
EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.						
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$24,354.08	\$105,548.18	\$25,922.51	\$100,405.54	\$110,469.76	\$331,229.22
OFFICE EXP.	1,548.70	8,315.96	1,502.91	8,015.53	7,766.64	23,300.00
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	256.62	1,055.58	351.07	1,168.36	533.32	1,880.00
FACILITIES EXP.	4,958.20	28,064.13	6,412.18	35,165.63	37,768.18	103,000.00
Subtotal Expenses	31,117.60	142,983.85	34,188.67	144,755.06	156,537.90	459,409.22
MINISTRY EXPENSE						
MUSIC EXP.	70.51	469.53	131.62	-973.42	1,366.64	4,100.00
WORSHIP EXP.	760.60	2,171.21	729.68	2,933.14	2,991.32	8,974.00
EDUCATION EXP.	1,026.14	5,550.68	1,090.22	4,119.42	4,699.96	15,500.00
OUTREACH EXP.	-179.34	1,543.98	862.60	3,216.71	2,400.00	7,200.00
MISSION EXP.	8,531.77	24,828.04	6,067.13	24,486.50	21,756.72	65,270.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	10,209.68	34,563.44	8,881.25	33,782.35	33,214.64	101,044.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,327.28	177,547.29	43,069.92	178,537.41	189,752.54	560,453.22
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$ 5,007.43	-\$ 10,108.64	\$ 8,816.85	\$ 19,281.61	\$ 3,580.78	\$19,546.78

Parish Nurse News



Kathy Tafuri, our WUMC Volunteer Parish Nurse, offers free blood pressure screenings most Sundays **after** coffee hour. Kathy is also available most Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. to address your health concerns, plus offer free blood pressure screenings. You can reach her by calling the church office (440) 871-3088 x17, or email ktafuri@westlakeumc.org.

Westlake United Methodist Church is now the proud owner of a **brand new AED** (Automated Electronic Defibrillator). Our old one had become outdated and so had to be replaced. It is in the same place as before, behind the door of the Parish Nurse's office, and it has a handy bag attached with other equipment that might be needed in case of emergency. ***If any one is interested in a CPR/AED class, please let Kathy know, and she will arrange one in the fall.***

Got Medicare?

ASK PATRICIA...

by Patricia Whited-Stineman, OSHIIP Medicare Counselor
(440) 781-1383

Question: Are there any Medicare programs that help with paying for Medicare premiums or costs of drugs?



Answer: Yes, there are Medicare Savings Programs that help pay Medicare premiums if you have limited income. If you qualify, you may be eligible for a Medicare Savings Program that can help with premiums, deductibles and coinsurance. Extra Help is a federal program that can help with some of the costs of your drugs when you have a Medicare Part D plan.

You can contact OSHIIP to determine your eligibility or to help you enroll: 1-800-686-1578.



June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12:45pm ChristCare-EP (100) 7pm Legacy Giving (205) 7pm Leadership Council (106-7)	2 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	3 1 pm Parish Nurse Available	4 10 am UMW Board Mtg (104) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon. (100) 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5	6
7 <i>Lozar Baptism</i> 11:28 am	8 12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 12:45pm ChristCare—EP (205) 7pm Stephen Ministry(107) 7 pm Trustees (106)	9 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	10 10am Flat Rock Meeting (Lib/FH) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm PACE (103)	11 12 pm UWM Annual Picnic (at Wesleyan Meadows) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon. (100) 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12	13 <i>Rev. John's Retirement Party!</i>  12:00 — 2:30 pm.
14	15 MESSANGER DEADLINE 7pm Mission Team (106) 7pm Finance Comm. (107)	16 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	17 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm PACE (103)	18 5:30pm Marijuana Anon.	19	20 11—2 <i>Private Recitals</i> <i>Avon Music School</i>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">VBS set-up</div> <div style="background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center; flex-grow: 1;"> EAST OHIO UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (@ Lakeside) </div> </div> <div style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ Prince of Peace/Westlake UMC </div>						
21 <i>Summer Sunday School Begins</i>  <i>Happy Father's Day</i> VBS Kids sing	22	23 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	24 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm PACE (103) 5:30pm Community Meal	25 5:30pm Marijuana Anon. (100)	26 <i>Massey Engagement Blessing 7 p.m.</i>	27
28 <i>Luhn Baptism</i> 10:00 am	29	30 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal				

WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Butchko

Senior Pastor:

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Alexandra Kellatis

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Gretty Myers

Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Jeanne Halaby

Childcare Assistant

Jill Farkas

Sunday Custodian

Kathy Tafuri

Volunteer Parish Nurse

Marshall Haning

Director of Music & Adult Choir

Morgan Lux

Childcare Assistant

Patti Barnes

Nursery Coordinator

Rachael Haning

Youth Coordinator

Rich Gallo

11:28 Service Music Leader

Sean Conroy

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Sharon Parks

Finance Manager

Stephanie Fries

Office Manager

WUMC Librarians: Nanci Danburg & Judy McDonald



OTHER PASTORS CONNECTED TO THIS CONGREGATION:

Rev. Nancy Hull

Dr. Richard Parks

Rev. Ron Dietrich

Rev. Don Lefelar

Rev. Bob Remington

Rev. Diana Guyette

Dr. Richard Lehto

Rev. Tom Taylor



You are invited to

THE COMMISSIONING OF
REV. MOLLIE BROWN

AND

THE ORDINATION OF
REV. ANDY CALL

at Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside
on Tuesday evening, June 16th
at 7:30 p.m.

at the East Ohio Conference UMC
Annual Conference

*More information can be found online at
eocumc.com/eoac15/index.html*

*** * MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR JULY/AUGUST: DUE MONDAY, JUNE 15 * ***

DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY
Mailed May 27, 2015



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

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