

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

LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP

After prayer and reflection, Westlake UMC has decided to begin a new initiative this summer as we continue our work to faithfully make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This new avenue in disciple-making and maturing will take the form of live streaming our 10:00 a.m. worship service each week. This use of technology will assist us in being intentional in making worship attendance available to those who are confined to home or health care facility; those individuals whose travel or whose part-time out-of-state residence make it difficult for them to attend Westlake UMC worship; and to make worship available for those individuals whose participation is limited by inclement weather. A secondary goal is to make worship available for those who are looking for a church home but are either unable to attend worship in person, or prefer to search for a place of worship on-line.

The grounding biblical foundation for this initiative is found in Matthew 28:18-20a which states, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.'" Live streaming of worship is one way to teach as many individuals as possible about Jesus Christ! This modern-day approach is consistent with the statement made by John Wesley in his letter to James Hervey dated March 20, 1739, "I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that in whatever part of it I am I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare, unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation."

Over the course of the summer, it is our goal to phase-in the live streaming of the service a section at a time, beginning with the Scripture readings and the message. When complete, we will have the weekly bulletin, an attendance pad, and an option for on-line giving on our church website with the link for live streaming worship. It is our plan to archive several weeks of worship on the

website in order that the services may be watched at a later point in time.

There will be some areas of the worship service that will be prohibited from the live stream broadcast. Music copyright laws will limit the inclusion of some songs in the live streaming. In addition, we will not offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion via the internet. During those times in the worship service when broadcasting is not an option, I invite our viewers on the internet to be in an attitude of prayer. As a reminder, Holy Communion is available to our homebound members through our Stephen Ministry program.

Jesus was clear. We are to go out into God's world and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The live streaming of worship is another means by which we can fulfill the Great Commission and build community with those who, for an assortment of reasons, cannot physically be present for worship.

I would ask that you hold in prayer this new initiative. There is much work to be done, but as God always does, God has provided workers for the vineyard. It is our prayer that this new ministry will bear fruit.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mollie

"The Letters of John Wesley," Wesley Center Online, accessed December 21, 2015, <http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-letters-of-john-wesley/wesleys-letters-1739/>.



Graduating Seniors

If you are graduating high school or college, please send a photograph and information including:

- **School** from which you are graduating
- **Future plans**
- **A hope** for your future

Email to Mrs. Ryan at ryan@westlakeumc.org no later than May 31st. We look forward to celebrating on **Graduation Sunday, June 5th!**

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

WESTLAKE UMC NEWS & UPDATES

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

June

- June 5 In celebration of our graduates!
- June 12 OPEN
- June 19 *Donuts and Dogs!* →
- June 26 OPEN

SUMMER SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS —

Connect with old and new church friends on the East lawn after the 10:00 service and before 11:28 worship! 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 Judy Gatieu, Hospitality Chairperson, at jgateiu@friedmancorp.com

You Are Invited to Lakeside

MONDAY, JUNE 13TH AT 1:30 P.M.

Join Pastor Mollie and our Lay Member, Elaine Hermetet, for an afternoon of uplifting worship and the opening Business Session of the East Ohio Annual Conference.

If you have never been to our Annual Conference's yearly session at Lakeside, Ohio you are in for a treat of music, Word, and Holy Communion. The business session, which runs from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. will give you an overview of our denomination's work in East Ohio. There is no charge to enter Lakeside during conference, and it's just over an hour drive from Westlake. Please consider attending.



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 and straighten up inside and out!

HEY GUYS... JOIN US FOR
DONUTS & DOGS

celebrating the men in our lives

Sunday, June 19th
starting at 11:00 a.m.

Please invite a new family to join us! All are welcome!

The Way of Forgiveness

"Forgiveness is power... It can heal both the forgiver and the forgiven. In fact, it could change the world if we allowed it to." - Johann C. Arnold

A small group from our church just completed an eight-week journey into the meaning of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. We live in a world that likes to keep score! God reaches out to us with mercy and forgiveness that breaks the cycle.

Jesus sat at the dinner table with his friends even though he knew that within hours they would betray him, disown him and leave him to die. What a powerful thought that Jesus stays with us at the table even knowing we are sinners too!

Jesus gave us the model and the power to forgive. It's not always an easy journey, but with help from the Holy Spirit you can accept forgiveness for yourself and extend it. You may even be called as a follower of Jesus to work for reconciliation in your family or in the community. The way of forgiveness is our way as Christians. May you live free and unburdened in God's love! If you would like to talk about the power of forgiveness in more detail, please contact Pastor Mollie or Gretty Myers, Stephen Ministry Leader.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & SMALL GROUPS

United Methodist Women Annual Picnic-Potluck

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH AT 12:00 NOON
AT WESLEYAN MEADOWS**



This monthly gathering 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 event is open to anyone and will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with new church friends. If you are interested in attending, please call Shirley Peritch at (440) 934-4542.

Our 1:00 program will be performed by The Solid Brass of Lorain, a brass quartet. We look forward to seeing you!

P.S. There will **not** be a Board Meeting in June. Also, there will **not be meetings in July or August**. The new year begins on September 8th. Please plan on joining us. Happy Vacation!



Bible Study with Pastor Mollie

THE STORY OF AMOS

**THURSDAYS THROUGH JUNE 9TH
AT 9 A.M. IN ROOM 205**



Even if you missed the earlier sessions, all are welcome to drop in and attend Pastor Mollie's Bible Study. The study of the Book of Amos is a four-week session. The coffee will be on waiting for you! Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years. Please contact the church office to reserve your childcare spot at (440) 871-3088 or westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org.

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



Lee Burneson Jr. High Builder's Club will be hosting a car wash SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH starting at 1:00 p.m. here at Westlake UMC. Please stop by (after church!) to support this community organization!

COMPASSION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Caregivers Support Group

MONDAY, JUNE 6TH, 7-8PM



Perhaps you are caring for a loved one. Your role as a caregiver is incredibly important and one that demands much of you. You are not alone.

WUMC, in conjunction with Rockport UMC, holds **monthly meetings on the 1st Monday of the month at Westlake UMC**. Caregivers are welcome to bring their care partner. A separate space and activities are available for them, staffed by volunteers. The group is facilitated by Thurston Cosner, Stephen Leader from Rockport UMC, and Gretty Myers, Stephen Leader from Westlake, UMC. Also joining us is Kathy Tafuri, Parish Nurse from Westlake UMC. Please contact Gretty Myers to participate or to volunteer at (216) 701-2067 or grettymyers@sbcglobal.net.



**Individual Prayer
Time & Communion
WITH PRAYER PARTNERS
SUNDAYS 9—9:30 A.M. OR
11—11:30 A.M.**

Prayer is the basis of our faith. Prayer allows us a time to praise God and gives us the opportunity to talk with God and share what is on our heart.

Communion opens us up to God's grace and nourishment – food for the journey.

Stephen Ministers are available **every Sunday morning** in Room 203 from 9:00 – 9:30 and also 11:00-11:30 to offer a quiet, reflective time for individual prayer and communion. *All are welcome.*

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

Thank You from the Mission Team

A special thanks to all the groups who provided a monthly meal to Westside Community House to support their parenting program. They are having great success and have grown from 25 to 50-60 people participating each month. We have provided meals for two years and have agreed to continue it next year. We look forward to your group's support by signing up to provide one meal next year beginning in the fall.

KIDS' ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS

In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

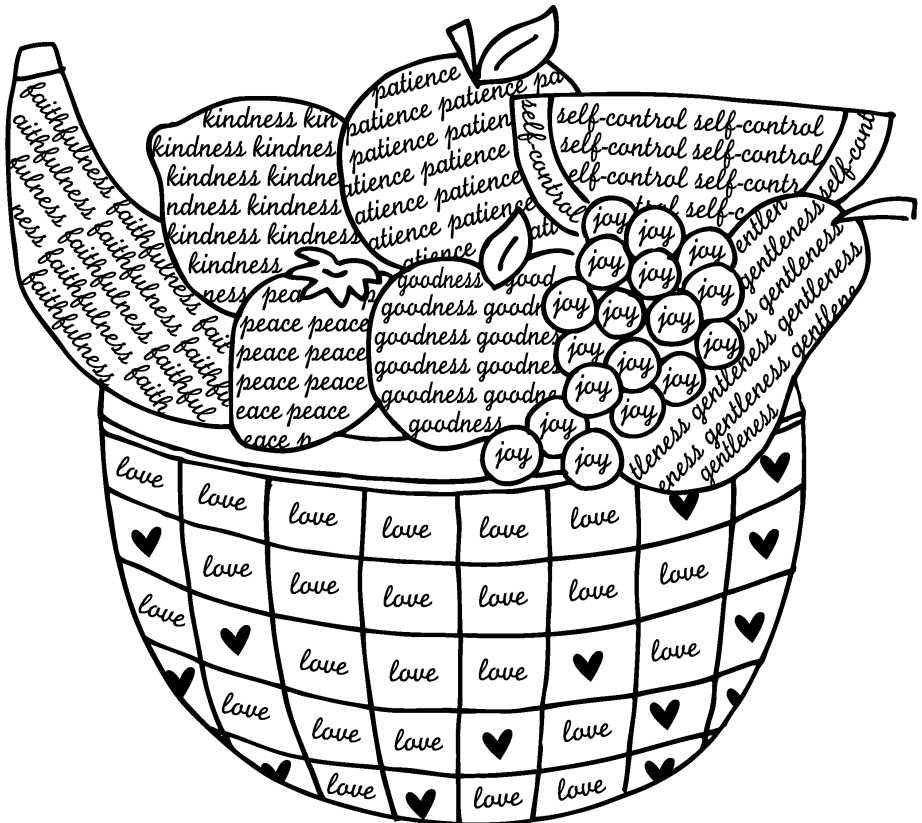
What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

Seasonal Fruit

Although some fruit is seasonal, God encourages us to share the fruit of the Spirit with other people all year long. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruits we should give away.

Directions: Count each fruit (full words only) and write the numbers below.



Love= ___ Joy= ___ Peace= ___ Patience= ___ Kindness= ___
 Goodness= ___ Faithfulness= ___ Gentleness= ___ Self-control= ___

(answer key on page 6)

CHRISTIAN ED & FAMILY EVENTS



From the Desk of Christian Ed

Mrs. Carol Ryan

cryan@westlakeumc.org

SUMMER READING LISTS

Parents and readers will flock to the library to check out their summer reading programs. Folks will look up the AR, GRL, Lexile, or other school approved system to determine a text's challenge level. We applaud reading in every season, summer included. But if we could make a plug for a book that needs read, it is your Bible. It is likely you have a copy in home. **BONUS!** It breaks up into small readable stories which are an excellent option to delve into when you are switching between various book series.

Bibles come in a whole variety of reading levels. *The Adventure* and *Spark Bibles* given out to our third graders range averages at a 4.8 grade reading level depending on a passage. *New Century Version* is at a 3rd grade level. *The Message* is at a 5th grade level. *NIV* is at an 8th grade level. *KJV* wields its vocabulary with might to knock past Shakespeare landing at a 12th grade level. Yes, various translations are moreth difficulteth to readeth.

Participate in summer reading programs, anywhere and everywhere. But consider a family challenge to read perhaps the Gospel, the first five books of the Bible, or just James — *man of action*. Read the Bible. It is a best seller, a summer sizzler, and available for e-readers too.



SUMMER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
JUNE 19TH – SEPTEMBER 4TH

WUMC nursery care and our preschool, BEE-LIEVERS class, does not change during the summer months.

Summer F.I.S.H. (Friends in Serving Him) class is open to all **entering-first through entering-fourth graders in the fall**. Fish should follow the teacher from the sanctuary to Room 107. During the 10:00 worship service, this occurs following the Children's message. For the 11:28 worship service, children's departure is announced following the rocking core of the musical celebration.

DROP-IN DATES AND WUMC CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION



What is the best way to ensure you find out theme-based, half-day and all-day, drop-in programs for tweens to our youngest friends from laser tag to Christmas in July, or a Debate workshop, and a children's gardening project? You guessed it! *Hmm... Did the heading give it away?* Sign-up now, re-register now, for WUMC Children/Youth programs so you receive invitations based on your child(ren)'s entering grade or age. Use the link [HERE](#). Questions? Contact Carol Ryan.



WUMC HOSTS: WESTLAKE ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Exciting times occurring in every room, stairwell, and grassy patch surrounding WUMC during **June 20-24**, as well as the evening of June 23rd as we host Westlake's Ecumenical VBS program for approximately 200 children with over 40 volunteers. Please plan your groups, classes, and use of the church accordingly.

YOUTH!

... Have you heard?



Senior High Sunday School @ 9 a.m.

Through June 26th. Incoming freshmen are welcome to join us starting August 7th!

Youth Group Is Off for Summer

We have gone on break for the summer! Watch your email for **TBA fun summer events** and the Back to School night in the fall!

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

MUSIC, CHOIR, BELLS, AND MORE!



Position Opening: ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR

Westlake United Methodist Church seeks a part-time adult choir director, approximately 12 hours per week. Preferred qualifications: Bachelor's degree in music education, choral conducting, or similar field; at least two years of experience in church music ministries; familiarity with various forms of church music, including vocal music and orchestral accompaniment. Must be available for choir rehearsals Thursday evenings, designated Sunday morning services, and other assigned ensembles. Please submit cover letter and resume via email to westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org by Friday, June 10th.

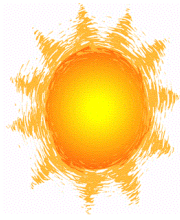
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

\$ Interested in Direct Deposit? Please contact Sharon Parks, Finance Manager: sparks@westlakeumc.org

Income Statement— April 2016						
	April 2016	YTD 2016	2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2016
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$37,366.80	\$177,096.24	\$36,319.85	\$167,438.65	\$189,999.96	\$570,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,366.80	\$177,096.24	\$36,319.85	\$167,438.65	\$189,999.96	\$570,000.00
EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.						
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$29,379.82	\$112,858.49	\$27,230.05	\$108,424.15	\$118,604.64	\$355,634.00
OFFICE EXP.	2,169.37	7,846.48	1,882.17	8,649.43	7,364.48	22,583.40
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	351.61	872.42	304.81	670.26	533.32	1,880.00
FACILITIES EXP.	4,381.66	21,376.61	6,429.71	29,535.64	30,732.20	83,546.60
Subtotal Expenses	36,282.46	142,954.00	35,846.74	147,279.48	157,234.64	463,644.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE						
MUSIC EXP.	11.49	377.47	70.51	469.53	1,725.00	4,250.00
WORSHIP EXP.	617.95	2,093.49	1,307.52	2,718.13	2,713.75	8,375.00
EDUCATION EXP.	1,352.14	4,143.33	1,219.93	5,744.47	6,275.00	18,090.00
OUTREACH EXP.	952.18	2,483.43	-91.41	1,631.91	2,810.00	8,065.00
MISSION EXP.	5,767.67	31,796.68	8,530.77	24,827.04	22,525.28	67,576.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	8,701.43	40,894.40	11,037.32	35,391.08	36,049.03	106,356.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	44,983.89	183,848.40	46,884.06	182,670.56	193,283.67	570,000.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$ 7,617.09	-\$ 6,752.16	-\$ 10,564.21	-\$ 15,231.91	-\$ 3,283.71	\$0.00

Answers: Love=24, Joy=18, Peace=7, Patience=7, Kindness=7, Goodness=6, Faithfulness=6, Gentleness=6, Self-control=5

Season Fruit Kids' Activity



June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 <i>Youth & Graduation Sunday</i>	6 7pm Caregivers (100 & 107) 7pm Leadership Council (205)	7 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	8 1pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)	9 9am Bible Study (205) 12pm UMW Picnic at Wesleyan Meadows 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)	10 11	11
12 1pm Builder's Club Carwash 4pm Piano Recital (J. Zapfe) 5pm New Member Info	13 7pm Games 'N Such (FH) 6:30pm VBS Training (F.Hall) 7pm Stephen Ministry (107) 7pm Trustees (105)	14 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	15 1pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)	16 9am Bible Study (205) 12pm UMW Picnic at Wesleyan Meadows 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)	17	18 11am—8pm Avon School of Music Recitals (Sanct)
19 VBS set-up	20 12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 6:30pm VBS Training (F.Hall) 7pm Stephen Ministry (107) 7pm Trustees (105)	21 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	22 1pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) Messenger Deadline	23 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 6:30pm VBS Training (F.Hall)	24	25
26 <i>Barnes Baptism 10am</i> <i>New Members Join</i>	27 7pm Finance Cmmtte (107)	28 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	29 1pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 5:30pm Community Meal 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	30 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 6-8pm VBS Program (FH)		

← EAST OHIO UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (@ Lakeside) →

← VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ Westlake UMC/Prince of Peace →

WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mollie Brown	<i>Senior Pastor: mgbrown@westlakeumc.org</i>
Annie Kaschube	<i>Organist, Director of Children's Choir and Handbell Choir</i>
Carol Ryan	<i>Christian Education Director</i>
Ellie Peiffer	<i>Small Group & Welcoming Ministries</i>
Gretty Myers	<i>Stephen Ministry Coordinator</i>
Jeanne Halaby	<i>Childcare Assistant</i>
Jessica Proctor	<i>Childcare Assistant</i>
Jill Farkas	<i>Custodian</i>
Kathy Tafuri	<i>Volunteer Parish Nurse</i>
Marshall Haning	<i>Director of Music & Adult Choir</i>
Morgan Lux	<i>Childcare Assistant</i>
Patti Barnes	<i>Nursery Coordinator</i>
Rachael Haning	<i>Youth Coordinator</i>
Rich Gallo	<i>11:28 Worship Leader</i>
Sharon Parks	<i>Finance Manager</i>
Stephanie Fries	<i>Manager of Church Operations</i>

WUMC Librarians: Nanci Danburg & Judy McDonald

OTHER PASTORS CONNECTED TO THIS CONGREGATION:



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

Are you Interested in Joining Westlake UMC?

INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH, 5—6 P.M.



We are excited to **welcome new members into the church on Sunday, June 26th.**

If you are interested in being a part of this membership class, Pastor Mollie would like to meet with you! You are invited to attend an **informational session** with her on **Sunday, June 5th from 5—6 p.m.** at the church. Please RSVP the church office (440-871-3088) or send an email to epeiffer@westlakeumc.org. Additional dates are available if needed so let the office know to schedule an alternative.

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

DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY
Mailed May 25, 2016



Sunday Worship at
8:15 a.m. (Reflective)
10:00 a.m. (Traditional)
11:28 a.m. (Contemporary)

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