WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pastoral Reflections "Jesus Is Calling"

"Jesus Is Calling" has been the Quadrennial theme for the East Ohio Annual Conference

over the past four years. From its introduction in 2013, "Jesus is Calling" has been our focus as clergy and lay members have met each year on the shores of Lake Erie at Lakeside. The theme "Jesus Is Calling" is a powerful reminder to all of us that we are called by God. At times I think it is comfortable to believe that only clergy are "called." That, however, is not the case. We are all called by God. God has created each of us as distinctive individuals with our own gifts which are meant to be used to glorify God. The theme "Jesus Is Calling" has been a wonderful reminder of the importance of listening to the voice of God in all of our lives.

The 2014 Annual Conference theme was "Jesus is Calling Us In." That Annual Conference focused on how each of us is called to identify new disciples. In 2015 the Annual Conference theme was "Jesus is Calling Us Up" which concentrated on ways that we can help disciples further their relationship with God. This year, the theme was "Jesus is Calling Us Out." One of the featured speakers this year was Bishop Gregory Palmer, the Resident Bishop of the West Ohio Conference. Bishop

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

July-August 2016

Palmer preached a powerful message reminding us that as followers of Christ, we are called out of the darkness into the light in order that we can do things to further the Kingdom of God. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to be in service to others.

Each of the Annual Conference themes of "Jesus is Calling" has been a powerful reminder that while our relationship with God is very personal, it is not meant to be kept private. The Holy Spirit not only works in us, but also works through each of us. The mission of the United Methodist Church worldwide is to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." We each have a part in carrying out this mission.

I encourage you to spend some quiet time this summer in devotion, in stillness, listening to the voice of Jesus. Please prayerfully reflect on how your gifts can best be utilized within the church as we work to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ. Remember, "Jesus Is Calling" and we all are to respond.

In Christ,

Pastor Mollie



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

THE MESSENGER



- July 24 SPRC/Choir — Celebration for Marshall Haning
- July 31 Saturday Evening ChristCare Group (JK/LK)

August 7	Wednesday Evening Ladies' Group (GM)
August 14	Thursday Evening ChristCare Group (JC)
August 21	OPEN
August 28	OPEN



Donuts & Dogs

On June 19th, we celebrated the men of the community with a coffee hour cookout! We ate over 180 donuts & 200 hotdogs that morning, plus popcorn and watermelon! We welcomed guests from the community and many of our own WUMCer's extended family.

Many thanks to the following folks who worked extra hard to pull this event off: Robin Carreon, Curtis Danburg, Laurie & Henry Forbush, Stephanie Fries, Judy & Ioan Gateiu, Susan Geringer, Rick Grane, Lisa Hallman, Ann & Josh Henkelman, Therese Hensley, Erik Hilston, Jill Johnson, Sharla Johnston, Annie Kaschube, Scott & Deb Kremer, Leslie & Jim Kubancik, Judy Massey, Jerry, Ellie & Will Peiffer, Sharon Rennard, Gail & Jim Schmitz, Diana Stacho, and Chris Tilton.









Moving On As Kids Move Out! Sundays starting September 11th at 5:00 p.m. for 5 weeks

Coming this Fall is a new faith based discussion group focused on preparing parents to send their teens into the real world and helping to process their own mixed emotions about this big life transition. Whether you are feeling giddy or more like grieving, this is a group that understands what you are going through and can help you discover tools for answering what's next in your life. The group will meet on Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m. starting September 11th and run for 5 weeks (ending on October 9th). For more information about the group contact Joyce Stenger at jmkstenger@hotmail.com or Lisa Swisher at Iswisher88@wowway.com

COMPASSION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Caregivers Support Group Monday, July IITH & August Ist, 7:00—8:00 р.м.



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.



Stephen Ministry

Here is what people are saying about serving as a Stephen Minister...... "I'm more in tune with people's needs."

"I always do my best to listen, care, and model the love of Jesus." "I've been a Stephen Minister for nearly 10 years and can truly say it becomes a part of your life." "It's such a blessing to see God working through me to change lives."

Stephen Ministry has given me a way to serve God more faithfully by being his presence to those in need. In the process God has blessed me with skills I didn't know I had and enriched my life in more ways than I could ever imagine." Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry please contact Gretty Myers, Stephen Ministry Coordinator, at grettymyers@sbcglobal.net or (216) 701-2067. Applications to be trained as a Stephen Minister will be available throughout the summer.

THE MESSENGER

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

DONATING BACKPACKS TO SIMPSON UMC



Yes, we know it seems like school just got out, but we are supporting Simpson UMC by donating backpacks for their children. We would like them **by July 24th** as they will be giving them out on July 28th at the

end of their VBS (Cleveland schools start 8/15). We could use 25-30 new backpacks. There is a bin outside the church office for your donations.



FELLOWSHIP HALL COLLECTION BOX

WUMC will be now be donating clothing and household goods to the **Twice Blessed Free Store.** Your donations can

be placed in the wooden collection box in Fellowship Hall. You will find a list of needed items posted there. They will gladly accept new or used clothing and household items. All clothing must be SEASONAL, and should be clean without holes, stains or odors. Small appliances should be in good working order. They are unable to accept furniture or books at this time due to space constraints. We are also looking for several people who are willing to take the donations to Rocky River UMC, or Nehemiah Mission on a regular basis.

If you are looking to volunteer at Twice Blessed:

Saturdays: 9:30am-1:30 p.m. (Store is open) Mondays: 10:00am-1:00 p.m. (sorting and restocking)

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all those who participated in our monthly mission events during the last year. We had over 150 people take part in those events; volunteering at the Twice Blessed Free Store, Kids in Need, Guidestone Race support, Race at the Rock runners/ walkers, and Stop Hunger Now! We look forward to offering opportunities like this again next year and hope we have even more people join us to go out to do the work of the hands and feet of Christ.

THANK YOU also to all the groups who provided meals for Westside Community House on the third Tuesday of the month. They are having wonderful success and have even more families participate. They are always so grateful for our small contribution to this worthwhile program. We will be continuing to offer this support next year and will have a sign-up for meals September through May.

We would like to acknowledge those at WUMC who are wonderful examples of being the hands and feet of Christ by serving others. This month we would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU to Judy Lawless, Mary Brown, and Rod Erskine** for their years of support to WSEM Community Corner! They spend hours every week taking our donations, helped sort and organize,

and worked hours at the store.



Thank you, Marshall Haning

The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to thank Marshall Haning for his exceptional leadership and service in directing the WUMC Chancel Choir for the past three years. Marshall recently received his Ph.D. in Music Education from Case Western Reserve University, and will be leaving WUMC to become an Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at the University of Florida. We very much appreciate all that Marshall has done while at WUMC and we wish him all the best as he begins this exciting, new chapter in his life.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING HIS MUSIC MINISTRY ON SUNDAY, JULY 24TH!

Interim Music Leaders (while Annie is on maternity leave!)

Annie Kaschube, our Organist, Bell Choir Director, and Children's Choir Director, will be on maternity leave from August 28th through October 16th. Coverage in her absence has been secured so all groups can begin this fall as usual!

Guest organist, Fern Jennings, will be playing for the 8:15 and 10:00 services, as well as accompanying the Adult Choir. Our very own **Barb Siwik will direct** the Bell Choir, and Lisa Swisher will direct the Children's Choir. We hope you'll make plans to ring and sing this fall. Annie will excited to be back at the end of October!

CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS NEWS

Life Events

BAPTISM

Samuel Raymond Rife, son of Harlen & Madeline Rife, was baptized by Rev. Mollie Brown at the 10:00 service on June 19th. His godparents are Rev. John Butchko and Barbara Kanary.

Patti Barnes, an adult member of our church and the WUMC Nursery Coordinator was baptized on June 26th at the 10:00 service..



BIRTHS

Janelle and Kevin Kurtz welcomed to this world little **Sasha Corinne Kurtz** on

Wednesday, June 8th. Kevin and grandma, Mary Ellen Kurtz, were long time members of WUMC. Janelle is Pastor of Sand Point Community UMC in Seattle, WA. Mary Ellen recently relocated to Graham, WA to be near her family.



New Members

Please help welcome the following people who joined Westlake UMC and made a commitment to follow Jesus with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness:

Joined on June 12th at 11:28 a.m. worship: Brian Nagy and Mary Saffles

Joined on June 26th at 10:00 a.m. worship: Carol & Jim Cooperider, Judy & Roger Holmes, Marie & Jim Shultz, Sharon Smith, and Laura & Jeremy Fow with kids Wesley & Anna



WITH SYMPATHY

Jeanne Bush, passed away June 2nd in Pleasantville NY. A memorial service will be held on July 1st at 11 a.m. at Westlake UMC, officiated by Rev. Mollie Brown.

Helen Passig, passed away June 16th. A memorial service officiated by Rev. Mollie Brown was held at Jenkins Memorial Chapel on June 20th.



Dear WUMC Friends,

We can not express how deeply appreciate all of the meals, phone calls, cards, support and prayers as we have journeyed through an extremely difficult time. I've heard people say *'it's not about looking for the rainbow but learning how to dance in the rain.*" As we have been learning how to dance again, a sincere thank you to each of you that have played apart in helping us learn to dance. Hugs, Love & Blessings to each of you (our WUMC Friends that we cherish as family!)

Sincerely,

The Beatty Family (David, Carrie Hope, Grace, & Faith)

Dear Friends at Westlake U.M. Church,

Thank you for your kind gift to the Timothy Scholarship Fund in honor of bishop and Mrs. Hopkins. ~Conference Episcopy Committee

Dear WUMC,

Thank you so much for giving me the scholarship! This is a huge help to my family and I. I look forward to attending the University of Akron, and the scholarship and personalized letters form WUMC will help me along the way.

Thank you! Sierra Swisher



WUMC Prayer Path

Thank you to Suzanne Lamb for the memorial donation and coordination of work to enhance the **Prayer Path** in the wooded area off our parking lot in honor of her husband, Bill. Bill enjoyed outdoor projects like building decks, patios, and creating backyard ponds. He would have loved this project!! We hope you have the chance to walk the path — it is always open you!

CHRISTIAN ED & FAMILY EVENTS



From the Desk of Christian Ed

Mrs. Carol Ryan cryan@westlakeumc.org

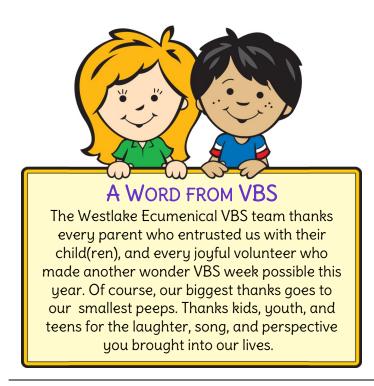


SUMMER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 26TH – SEPTEMBER 4TH

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Through September 4th, our summer Sunday school routine is in full swing. 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 through fourth grade** only (or said backwards, having completed kinder, first, second . or third 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.

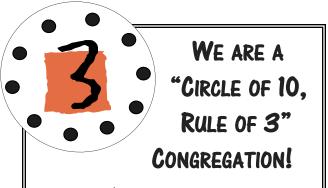


VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Maybe you've been asked to help before but it wasn't the right



time. Maybe you thought you could only volunteer in a class that your own child is a participant. Maybe you think you need to be able to quote scriptures with winning game show like skills to help in a class. Well, maybe? We think "maybe volunteer" might move from perhaps to perchance to probably when you learn the variety of ways you could volunteer in and out of classroom this fall. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Carol Ryan at: cryan@westlakeumc,org or through the church office.



On June 12th we practiced the Circle of 10, Rule of 3 to remind ourselves of what it takes to be a welcoming congregation. The Circle of 10 reminds us to greet everyone within a 10' radius of our pew. The Rule of 3 reminds us that we commit the **3 minutes** following the service to greet all people we have not met *before* talking with our friends. It only takes 3 minutes for a visitor to exit the building after worship....your welcome could be the encouragement they need to connect with God! Summer time means we will be welcoming many guests. Please make an extra effort to reach out to new people with the love that God has for all his children.



Prayers are requested for our Youth Mission Team as they venture to Minnesota from July 16th to 24th. The missions team this year will include:

Katelin Stenger Kaela Ryan Sierra Swisher Levi Swisher Sam Marshall Katie Thomas Liam Hamm Jillian Salis Sean Stalla Tori Rose Dailey Maegan Williams

Chaperones: Harry Askins, Lisa Swisher, Rachael Haning, Laura Williams

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

Senior Sunday 2016 We celebrated our graduates and scholarship recipients on June 5th. Congratulations and best wishes to:



Parker Goodman Graduate of Westlake High School College: Kent State University



Emma Steinman*

Graduate of Westlake High School College: Denison University Major: Undecided



Brett Howell* Graduate of Westlake High School College: Bowling Green University, School of Business



Sierra Swisher* Graduate of Westlake High School College: University of Akron Majors: Environmental Science and Geology



Jillian Henkelman* Graduate of Westlake High School College: Case Western University Major: Nursing



Madison Henkelman Graduate of Westlake High School College: University of Pittsburgh Major: Bio-Engineering

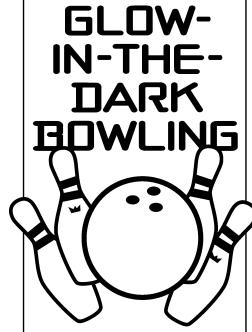


Maegan Williams Graduate of North Olmsted High School College: Toledo University Major: Pharmacy

*denotes WUMC scholarship recipient

THE MESSENGER

KIDS' ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

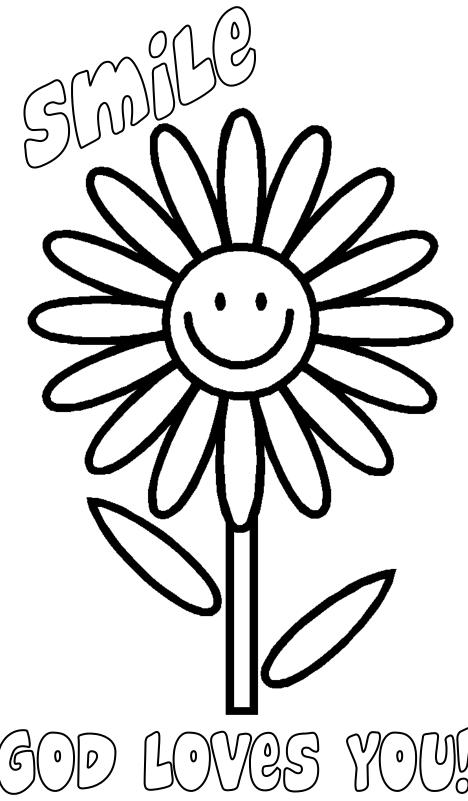
What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

What you do:

- 1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
- 2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
- 3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.





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The July-August issues of *Upper Room* and *Alive Now!* are available in the Church Lobby or the Narthex. Free will offerings gratefully accepted.



p.m. in Rm. 103 year-round.

Arthritis Exercise Class Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

This exercise class is taught by a retired physical therapist for people who have arthritis. Participants can do as much as they are able. Some exercises are done sitting and others may be done standing. Come and join us if you have arthritis and want to keep those joints moving. We meet Wednesdays at 1:30



Altar Flowers

Can you help beautify the altar on Sundays while honoring or remembering a loved one? If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on Sundays, there is a

sign-up sheet located next to the large bulletin board in the lobby—or contact the office. Please bring a check for \$35 made out to the church with "altar flowers" on the memo line, or cash in an envelope with specified date, at least one week prior to the floral arrangement being displayed. Thank you!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

Income Statement— May 2016						
	May 2016	YTD 2016	2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2016
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$45,536.01	\$222,632.25	\$46,681.33	\$214,119.98	\$236,471.20	\$570,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$45,536.01	\$222,632.25	\$46,681.33	\$214,119.98	\$236,471.20	\$570,000.00
EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.						
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$27,623.03	\$140,481.52	\$25,456.91	\$133,881.06	\$148,155.80	\$355,634.00
OFFICE EXP.	2,560.60	10,407.08	2,089.74	10,739.17	9,648.10	22,583.40
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	146.60	1,019.02	86.25	756.51	666.65	1,880.00
FACILITIES EXP.	4,899.14	26,275.75	5,774.22	35,309.86	35,740.25	83,546.60
Subtotal Expenses	35,229.37	178,183.37	33,407.12	180,686.60	194,210.80	463,644.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE						
MUSIC EXP.	200.48	577.95	101.58	571.11	1,975.00	4,250.00
WORSHIP EXP.	739.34	2,832.83	1,067.90	3,786.03	3,557.50	8,375.00
EDUCATION EXP.	1,341.25	5,484.58	1,658.50	7,402.97	7,200.00	18,090.00
OUTREACH EXP.	909.99	3,393.42	218.00	1,849.91	3,220.00	8,065.00
MISSION EXP.	5,642.67	37,439.35	6,051.83	30,878.87	28,156.60	67,576.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	8,833.73	49,728.13	9,097.81	44,488.89	44,109.10	106,356.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	44,063.10	227,911.50	42,504.93	225,175.49	238,319.90	570,000.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$ 1,472.91	-\$ 5,279.25	\$ 4,176.40	-\$ 11,055.51	-\$ 1,848.70	\$0.00

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Rev. Mollie Brown	Senior Pastor:
	mgbrown@westlakeumc.org
Annie Kaschube	Organist, Director of Children's Choir
	and Handbell Choir
Carol Ryan	Christian Education Director
Ellie Peiffer	Small Group & Welcoming Ministries
Gretty Myers	Stephen Ministry Coordinator
Jeanne Halaby	Childcare Assistant
Jessica Proctor	Childcare Assistant
Jill Farkas	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	I I:28 Worship Leader
Sharon Parks	Finance Manager
Stephanie Fries	Manager of Church Operations

WUMC Librarians: Nanci Danburg & Judy McDonald

OTHER PASTORS CONNECTED TO THIS CONGREGATION:

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



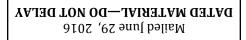
Are you traveling for business? Unable to physically get to worship on a Sunday, but still want to participate?

Now you can join Westlake UMC at the 10:00 service with our new LIVE STREAMING!**

Connect via our website: westlakeumc.org for the 10:00 service. You will see the link to the broadcast in the lower left corner of the home screen. You are also invited to register your attendance and/or make contributions online.

**Please note that due to copyright and licensing restrictions, not all music or other multimedia presentations may be broadcast.

* MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR SEPTEMBER: DUE MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH *





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

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