

# 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

On an annual basis, the senior pastor is required to submit a written report to the Charge Conference. It has been my practice for the past several years that I also share the report with the entire congregation via the church newsletter. By doing so, it is my hope that a culture of transparency is encouraged within the faith community.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

#### TO THE 2016 CHARGE CONFERENCE

Last fall you may recall that I shared with you the three goals that Westlake UMC would be focusing on in the upcoming Charge Conference year. Those goals were: establish an administrative foundation; focus on spiritual formation for the congregation; and develop a missional strategy addressing local, regional, national, and international opportunities. Church leadership, staff, and parishioners have all worked together over the past year to achieve these goals.

The 2013, 2014, and 2015 financial audits have been completed and submitted to our District Superintendent. The structure of the church staff has been formalized and communicated via a new organizational chart. A review of staff benefits has been completed and necessary adjustments have been made. Job descriptions have been drafted. They are being reviewed and approved by the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). In addition, annual performance feedback was provided to all staff in January 2016.

There has been a strong focus on spiritual formation for the congregation. Last fall, *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation* was studied by over 40% of our average worship attendance. Individuals and groups have been encouraged to practice the spiritual disciplines learned in this study. In response to the very positive feedback on spiritual formation we received from parishioners, a spring day retreat was held with Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz leading a discussion on Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward*. In addition, a dedicated time of individual prayer has been added to our weekly contemporary worship service.

Throughout 2016, the Mission Team has worked diligently to establish a missional strategy for our church. In each of our worship services on October 16, 2016 the WUMC missional strategy was communicated. If you were unable to attend any of the worship services on the 16<sup>th</sup>, I encourage you to watch the archive of that service which can be found on the church web site.

As we move into our new Charge Conference year, it is our intention to build on these goals. This fall, the SPRC and the Leadership Council have approved the following goals for WUMC: continue to strengthen our administrative foundation; maintain a focus on spiritual formation for the congregation with an emphasis on spirit-led leadership; and execute our missional strategy. One way we plan to strengthen our administrative foundation is by updating personnel related tools. We also plan to work with staff to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ through their participation in a book study of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* and in a day retreat that will focus on prayer.

We will maintain a focus on spiritual formation through spirit-led leadership as the Leadership Council continues its study of *Pursuing God's Will Together: A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups*. In January 2017, Leadership Council members will go on retreat as they conclude the study of this book and move forward with integrating the practices learned into decision-making for all matters related to the church. In the coming months you will hear more about a very important day retreat planned for the church. On February 25, 2017 Rev. Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey will be coming to WUMC to lead a retreat on her new book, *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*. Bishop Gregory Palmer wrote the foreword for the book.

Lastly, the Mission Team will execute the strategy that was developed this year for local, regional, national, and international mission. One key area that we will focus on in 2017 is expanding our relationship with Simpson UMC. Our two churches have long been ministry partners, and we will identify ways in which we can grow this important relationship as we make and mature disci-

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

## TRUNK or TREAT was a Spook-tacularly Good Time!

Our church hosted well over 400 guests from the community for a great day of family friendly fun! Thanks to the families that hosted trunks, volunteers who worked the event, and the Youth for hosting 2 Haunted paths - one outside & inside! The 11:28 a.m. band and Rich Gallo played music and invited people to come back and worship with us on Sunday!

We awarded 3 prizes for the most creative Trunk displays. **THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** was a tie between "Sesame Street" hosted by Matt, Kelsey, Landon, and Keegan McQuality AND Pokemon hosted by Holly, Jasin, and Jeff Kessler. **THE TRUNKER'S CHOICE** went to Cogsworth Sundries hosted by Therese, Chris, Claire, and Connor Hensley.

A combined 50 people hosted 22 Trunks, an additional 60 people worked day of the event, and 31 Youth were on hand for spooky duty in the haunted paths. Many thanks to the planning committee for organizing a great outreach event:

- Kelly & Tori Rose Dailey
- Ann & Bill Henkelman
- Therese Hensley & Family
- Barry & Kim Kuenzer
- Ellie & Jerry Peiffer
- Kaye & Chris Tilton
- Gail & Russ Wearsch
- Judy McDonald
- Lynne Wolfe & Stephanie Fries



### OUR WINNERS (clockwise):

1. The Kessler Family certainly caught all those Pokemon, as well as catching a tie for the title of first place for the People's Choice Award!
2. The McQuality Family could tell you how to get to Sesame Street! They tied for first place for the People's Choice Award!
3. The Hensley Family hosted their steampunk oriented shop of mechanics and marvels as Cogsworth Sundries. They earned the Trunker's Choice Award!

# WESTLAKE UMC NEWS & UPDATES

## (PASTORAL REFLECTIONS CONT'D)

ples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we enter into 2017, I want to thank all of you for your commitment to sharing the love and hope of Jesus with others. I also want to thank you for the many acts of kindness that you have bestowed upon me and my family. I continue to be excited about the work we are called to do in the name of Christ. I am honored to serve as your pastor and I look forward to a fruitful 2017 in ministry together.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Mollie*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

**November 6** Rainee & Joy Simons

**November 13** Sharon Smith — *in celebration of all the active duty & retired military and their families*

**November 20** Don & Mary Lou Lefelar

**November 27** Calvin & Sue Herrick



## All Saints' Day



Please join us on **Sunday, November 6th**, as we celebrate **All Saints' Day**. We will remember all those of our loved ones who have passed away during the last year and beyond.

MEMBERS OF THE WESTLAKE UMC FAMILY TO BE REMEMBERED DURING OUR ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> INCLUDE:

Margaret Aldrich  
Jeanne Bush  
Yolanda Crisp  
Kathryn Crowder  
Mary Holmes

Helen Passig  
Frank Pistora  
Karen Sutherland  
Garland Wardell

## SPUD DINNER

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## MOVIE NIGHT!



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

**5:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

Potatoes! Toppings! (Hot dogs for little people!)  
Desserts! And entertainment provided by the Youth!

Plus... Dreamworks "Prince of Egypt" will be shown at the end of the meal. Come to eat, laugh, and stay to see a great movie about the life of Moses!

Dinner prices: Adults are \$10; Children ages 3 through 5th grade are \$5; 2 and under are free.

Movie is free for all!

All proceeds go toward youth missions



## Annual Charge Conference

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 1:30 P.M. — STRONGSVILLE UMC**

This year all of the United Methodist churches on the West side of Cleveland will gather together to hold Charge Conference. The meeting location, Strongsville UMC, is located at 13500 Royalton Rd, Strongsville OH 44136.



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & SMALL GROUPS

### *Thanksgiving Worship Service*



**Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor Mollie Brown from WUMC and Pastor Sherman Bishop from Prince of Peace Lutheran will officiate a Thanksgiving Worship Service of word, song, special music by combined choirs, and an open communion celebration. All are welcome! Please invite a friend for this special evening of praise and gratitude!

### Advent Study

#### ***Down to Earth: The Hopes and Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight***

Nothing in all the vast, created universe could prepare us for God coming down as a helpless infant, or for Jesus the son of God intentionally positioning himself as a mere servant, identifying with the lowest of lows. Join us for a four-week Advent study that opens up God's Christmas surprise to us and examines how it changed everything.

**Mondays at 12:30 p.m.** November 7, 14, 21 and December 5. All women of the church are invited. Group will meet in Room 107.

**Sundays at 5:00 p.m.** November 27, and December 4, 11, 18. This is open to all!

### United Methodist Women General Meeting

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH  
AT 10:30 A.M.**

Hi friends! Please join this mission-focused group of women each month for our meeting, lunch, and interesting programs. We begin at 10:30, with our lunch at 12 noon, and program at 1:00 p.m. Bring your sandwich — dessert and beverage will be provided.

Our program this month is **“Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle”** presented by Val Durika. She will demonstrate exercises, discuss home safety, and developing good balance. If you are interested in the program only, feel free to come at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome!

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### A Spiritual Leadership Workshop



***Flood Gates — Unleashing Holy Momentum in the Church and in Your Life***

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH  
9 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.  
AT WESTLAKE UMC**

Westlake UMC will be hosting another all church spiritual day retreat focused on building hope, unleashing positive change, vitality, and growth. **Rev Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey** will be our very special guest presenter. Spaces will be limited so look for the registration information which will be available by November 13th. We are currently recruiting for the event planning team. If you would like to be involved please contact Ellie Peiffer at [epeiffer@westlakeumc.org](mailto:epeiffer@westlakeumc.org)



#### ALL FRIENDS OF WESTLAKE CHURCH!

...Please mark your calendars!



*United Methodist Women  
will present their  
Christmas Tea (and coffee)  
on Thursday, December 1st  
at 1:00 p.m.*

This is the United Methodist Women's  
**FREE GIFT** to the congregation  
and their friends.

You will be entertained with music by  
**Westlake High School (WHS Company D)**.  
Afterward, there will be a delicious reception.  
Please come! It will be a great way to begin  
this special season!

# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

## MONTHLY MISSION EVENT: CREATING HANDMADE THANKSGIVING CARDS

**Tuesday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m.**

We are gathering beginner and experienced crafters together to create handmade Thanksgiving cards for those who cannot get out easily or at all. No experience necessary. Just come and join the assembly line of creativity! Sign-up on the mission bulletin board, contact Jane Shami at [jane423@me.com](mailto:jane423@me.com) or (216) 347-4499, or Kay Martin [kcbrighm@aol.com](mailto:kcbrighm@aol.com) with any questions. Or just show up! We'd love to have you help even last minute!

## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES FOR TWICE BLESSED

**Collection through November 14th**

Ask yourself after Halloween: Will this costume be used again? If not, let us save you the effort of packing it up, toy boxing it, or keeping it off a closet floor. Please place donations in the Twice Blessed box in Fellowship Hall. Costumes collected after Halloween will be stored for next year. Thanks!

## THANK YOU TO MEMBERS IN MISSION!

Thanks to our members who shared their local, regional, national, and international mission stories in worship on October 16. It was great to hear of the ways and places WUMC are working as the hands and feet of Christ. We have many events going on throughout the year, all are welcome to join us.

## POSSIBLE MISSION TRIPS

The Mission Team is exploring weekend and week long mission trips for 2017. We are looking for congregational interest and suggestions. Please fill out an interest form found on the mission bulletin board, and put completed forms in the mission mailbox. Contact John Carreon at [carreon@oh.rr.com](mailto:carreon@oh.rr.com) or Kay Martin at [kcbrighm@aol.com](mailto:kcbrighm@aol.com) with questions.

**THANK YOU TO ALL...** who donated **Flood buckets and supplies** that were taken to Midwest Mission Distribution Center along with other East Ohio Conference donations. With all the flooding across the country they will be put to good use! We collected 4 complete buckets, 3 empty buckets, 14 detergents, 10 dish soaps, 15 spray deodorizers, 7 insect sprays, 5 pack-

ages of trash bags, 6 concentrated cleaners, 2 clothes pin packs, 2 laundry lines, 3 gloves, 7 scouring pads, 9 hand-wipe packs, 14 rubber glove sets, 8 sets of dust masks, and 7 scrub brushes. Plus, over \$1780 was raised to fund this timely mission.

## FLAT ROCK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION

**Underway through November 30th!**

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, purchasing a gift and returning it UNWRAPPED with the tag attached by **Wednesday, November 30th**. 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)*

## SCHOOL UNIFORM COLLECTION

The Wednesday Afternoon Christ Care Group is asking for donations of clothing for the Toni Morrison Elementary School in Lorain. Quite often the teachers need to give the students appropriate clothing. This is a list we have been given of items that are needed by the students. It was put together by the principal and several other members of the school staff. — **PLEASE DONATE CLOTHING THAT IS NEW OR GENTLY USED, CLEAN AND IN CONDITION TO BE WORN AT THE SCHOOL; NEW UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS**— Sizes - Pre-school to 12-14 (XL.)

- **Uniform shirts** - Long or short sleeved; collared polo with buttons, dress button-down, or turtleneck; no logos, printing or designs. Solid colors of blue, black white, or grey.
- **Uniform pants** - Girls and boys; dress pant in navy blue, black, grey or khaki. NO denim, paint pants, jeans or athletic pants.
- **White socks** - new
- **Girls and boys underwear** - new
- **Belts** - Plain. NO large, oversized belt buckles, sparkly buckles, rivets, studs, inappropriate language, or medallion type buckles with logos/pictures.

There is a box in the lobby for your donations. Thank you!

## Mission Opportunities cont'd

### **SOCKS & UNDERWEAR COLLECTION** **November 6th—December 1st**

Again this Christmas season, the United Methodist Women are asking our church members and friends to donate socks and underwear to needy boys and girls (any children's sizes). They will be much appreciated in this cold weather. Please put them in the UMW basket in the lobby across from the elevator from November 6th through 27th, or bring them to the Christmas Tea. Christian Blessings to all!

### **COUPON LABELS NEEDED**



The United Methodist Women are collecting Box Tops for Kids at Flat Rock. The collection box is located under the mailboxes across from the copy room door. Labels are on General Mills cereal boxes, Campbell soup cans, Betty Crocker cake and brownie mixes, and several other items. Please help us collect these, and they will supply many valuable items for the children. Any questions? Please contact Betty Levis.

## COMPASSION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE



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

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. We also have sets of prayer beads available for you during this time. *All are welcome.*

### **Caregivers Support Group**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**  
**7:00—8:00 P.M.**

WUMC, in conjunction with Rockport UMC, holds **monthly meetings on the first 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 [grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net).

## CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

### **Life Events**

#### **BAPTISMS**



**Hannah Colette Kaschube**, daughter of Annie and Kevin Kaschube, was baptized by Rev. Mollie Brown on October 16th. Her godparents are Christopher and Angela Kaschube.

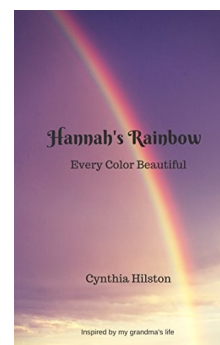


#### **WITH SYMPATHY**

**Gerald Buzard**, father of Kathie Gallo, and father-in-law of Rich Gallo, passed away October 7th. A memorial service to celebrate his life was officiated by Rev. Mollie Brown at Westlake UMC on October 24th.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Cyndi Hilston has self-published her first book! It is called *Hannah's Rainbow: Every Color Beautiful* and is inspired by her late grandma's life growing up in Cleveland. The story recounts the true story of how her grandma sent a rainbow as a sign that she had reached Heaven. The book is available as an e-book or in soft cover on Amazon. There is also a copy available in the church library.





**WUMC YOUTH**

**WUMC FAMILY & FRIENDS**



# SPUD DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

5—6:15 p.m. Come to eat, be entertained by the Youth...

6:15—8 p.m. ...stay to see Dreamworks "Prince of Egypt"!\*  
*\*Kids — wear your pj's & bring blankets/sleeping bags to sit on*

TICKET INFO for DINNER\*: Adults \$10; Children ages 3 through 5th grade \$5 (\$30 limit per family). All proceeds to youth missions.

[\*Ticket price for meal only — movie is free for all!]

—TICKETS ON SALE @ YOUTH BOOTH 11/6 or At THE DOOR—

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH @ 5-8 P.M**

# CHRISTIAN ED & FAMILY EVENTS



## From the Desk of Christian Ed

Mrs. Carol Ryan — [cryan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:cryan@westlakeumc.org)

### BE STRONG & TAKE HEART

#### WUMC & The Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Project

Each year, our children's programs have selected unique groups to partner with from CROPWalk to The Gathering Place to Nehemiah Mission and more. This year, we will unify pre-K through 5th graders as one family in partnership, as servants, in support of GAL Project needs. From providing new to used books, adopting children for Christmas, stuffing goodie bags, to supporting existing fundraisers, and more, we can stand alongside those waiting on the Lord.

#### Why GAL Project?

With rightful pride, the GAL Project describes one of their outreach/support programs as "... gathering birthday gifts for foster children... Life Book Workshops several times throughout the year where foster children craft their own childhood scrap books." **Read it again.** Process what it means. How easy it is to forget what easy lives many of us lead.

**God will strengthen those who wait.  
God can work through us.**

### WAIT FOR THE LORD. TAKE HEART. BE STRONG.

This is the year to Rally Together, to be ALL IN with 216, and it is a year for Psalm 27:14 to come alive for our program.

Watch for more news as each age level within our program adopts its area to support!

### DID YOU SEE MOSES?

The Christian Ed crew is lucky to have the support of roll-with-it volunteers willing to pitch in for our kids. To make an important but long unit on Moses comes to life, we were joined by Baby "Moses" Royce, Pharaoh Matthew Wolf, some sea-splitting kindergarteners, and old man Moses, Barry Kuenzer. Even our visiting organist joined the fun playing a Moses hymn as the children exited each Sunday for this unit.

We will wrap up with the additional volunteer program support of our youth! For adding a Moses Movie Night



Matt Wolf as The Pharaoh leads  
the kids to classes



William  
Royce plays  
the cutest  
Baby Moses!

to the end of SpudNight, we thank Youth and Youth Leadership Council. We started with a basket and a blanket; we will end with pajamas and Dreamworks' Prince of Egypt.

### SEEDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

By Nickie Miller

Every year WUMC awards college scholarships to youth who have served and participated in our church. Wayne Asplin established the WUMC Scholarship program over 30 years ago, and the family and friends of Carl Zellers built upon this endowment in 1996. The number of active youth in our church is growing, and we want to continue to be able to nurture our youth as they go forth into the world. A **Seeds for Scholarship collection** will be taken on **December 4th** to help fund this worthy cause. Prayerfully consider giving a donation to continue to support our youth who are our future.

### FAMILY JingleGOBBLEfest & HANGING of the GREENS

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

Join us as our crafting children and adult fellowship event takes a theme of Gratitude! While some craft, others will prepare our Sanctuary, our halls, and any nook and cranny our trustees leave unguarded for Advent, for His coming, for Christmas. Please bring your creativity, anyone who is taller than Mrs. Ryan (or all wreaths will hang from door knobs), and a side dish or dessert to share. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

#### HANGING OF THE GREENS, PART TWO

This year, we hope to decorate the Sunday school classrooms like never before. If you would like to volunteer to come decorate a room between November 20th—27th, please contact Carol Ryan via the church office or [cryan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:cryan@westlakeumc.org).





**KIDS PLAY IN —  
PARENTS PLAY OUT!**  
**Kids Only Christmas Party!**  
**Free time for Parents!**

By Evelyn S. on behalf of 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** Sunday, December 4th, from 12—4 p.m.

**Where:** WUMC

**Who:** Ages 3-10 and must be potty trained

**Cost:** 1<sup>st</sup> child \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> child \$10; Max charge is \$40.

Lunch and snacks will be provided while kids make fun Christmas gifts for parents. There will also be fun activities and games.

Mrs. Ryan adds that all proceeds will go to support their class mission partner, Ganta United Methodist Hospital

in Liberia. For more information about Ganta UM Hospital, please check out their website at [gantahospital.com](http://gantahospital.com). For more information about this event, please contact Carol Ryan or the Middles group leader, Bobbi Kibbey.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (ONLY) INFORMATION**

If you are not receiving weekly emails with class specific information and opportunities, please email Mrs. Ryan at [cryan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:cryan@westlakeumc.org).

**DONATIONS**

This month we are collecting CLEAN, we mean **REALLY REALLY CLEAN**, 1-gallon, plastic milk jugs.



**ATTENTION YOUTH!**  
**... Have you heard?**

**THANK YOU!**

... to the Shami and Steinman families for providing Fantastic dinners and donations in the month of November! Please see Rachael if you, too, would like to feed the youth!

**SPUD NIGHT DINNER & A MOVIE IS COMING!**

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 12th, from 5-8 p.m.** We will be inviting church members to both support the missions the youth undertake during the year, AND celebrate the life of Moses with the movie The Prince Of Egypt. Youth will be selling tickets starting on Sunday October 30th. Tickets are \$10 per adult, Kids 3 yrs old—5th grade \$5. Come and eat dinner, and then stay for the movie! Enjoy a night out with the family!

**YOUTH MISSIONS CORNER:**

Did you know that the United Methodist Church has a Young Adult Missions Ministry? This national group works to host national and international trips for college students and senior high youth from all over the country! This Winter Break, Rachael will be going to Ecuador as a "Leader In Training" with the UVMIM young adults group. The hope is that there will then be opportunities for our own senior high and college students to participate in a WUMC led Young adult trip (national OR international) some-

time in the not-to-distant future! Though Rachael is not seeking funds for the trip at this time, prayers as she seeks to learn as much about the Ecuadorian culture, and the young Methodist church that is among the indigenous people, would be greatly appreciated. For more information about the Young Adults Missions Ministry, please click [HERE](#).



**THANKS TO ALL THE YOUTH** who joined us for our **Annual Fall Lock-In** the weekend of October 15th. We had a great time at Mapleside Farms, Grog hunting, and creating our own delicious popcorn concoctions!

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Rachael Haning, WUMC Youth Coordinator at [youth@westlakeumc.org](mailto:youth@westlakeumc.org)



## YOU CAN JOIN WESTLAKE UMC AT THE 10:00 SERVICE WITH OUR **LIVE STREAMING!\*\***



Traveling? Can't make it to church on a Sunday morning? Worship with us via our website: [westlakeumc.org](http://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, send prayer requests, and/or make contributions online.

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

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Would you like to contribute to the church but do not carry a checkbook or cash with you on Sunday? We can help! There are two options available by which you can make contributions to the General Operating Fund for Westlake UMC:**

**\$ DIRECT DEPOSIT:** Scheduled automatic transfers from your checking account to the WUMC account. Please contact Sharon Parks, Finance Manager for the form needed at [sparks@westlakeumc.org](mailto:sparks@westlakeumc.org)

**\$ ONLINE GIVING:** Use your credit card via our website at [westlakeumc.org](http://westlakeumc.org). In the lower left corner of the home page you will see a button for Online Giving (near "Live Streaming"— You do not have to login to contribute, but can create profile if desired). This can be a one-time contribution or regularly scheduled contributions.





### Income Statement— September 2016

	September 2016	YTD 2016	2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2016
<b>INCOME</b>						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$43,714.50	\$389,265.61	\$51,582.91	\$380,695.01	\$422,356.16	\$570,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$43,714.50	\$389,265.61	\$51,582.91	\$380,695.01	\$422,356.16	\$570,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.						
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$25,581.99	\$245,292.24	\$24,336.85	\$236,196.67	\$266,760.44	\$355,634.00
OFFICE EXP.	1,772.94	17,636.16	1,685.08	17,474.41	17,037.58	22,583.40
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	100.52	2,051.00	142.55	1,522.96	1,479.97	1,880.00
FACILITIES EXP.	4,293.52	44,247.55	5,887.80	55,679.93	63,597.45	83,546.60
Subtotal Expenses	31,748.97	309,226.95	32,052.28	310,873.97	348,875.44	463,644.00
<b>MINISTRY EXPENSE</b>						
MUSIC EXP.	0.00	711.33	381.94	1,224.49	3,725.00	4,250.00
WORSHIP EXP.	599.25	5,255.08	551.62	5,930.54	6,271.25	8,375.00
EDUCATION EXP.	279.12	9,783.08	1,845.98	11,792.53	14,765.00	18,090.00
OUTREACH EXP.	154.52	4,777.82	178.00	2,357.32	6,080.00	8,065.00
MISSION EXP.	5,642.67	60,010.03	5,432.09	54,607.23	50,681.88	67,576.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	6,675.56	80,537.34	8,389.63	75,912.11	81,523.13	106,356.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,424.53	389,764.29	40,441.91	386,786.08	430,398.57	570,000.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$ 5,289.97	<b>-\$ 498.68</b>	\$ 11,141.00	<b>-\$ 6,091.07</b>	<b>-\$ 8,042.41</b>	\$0.00



# November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>6</b>  <i>All Saints Day</i> 5pm Bible Study (105) <i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</i> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS: Did you set your clocks back?	<b>7</b> 9 am Stephen Ministry Tr. (105) 12:30pm Advent Study (100) 7pm Caregivers Group (104) 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205) <b>5:45 pm Election Board Setup (105-6-7)</b>	<b>1</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7 pm Card Ministry (107) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal  <b>8</b> <b>ELECTION DAY!</b> <b>5a.m. Election Board</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:00pm Mission Team (205) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)	<b>3</b> 9 am Bible Study (205) 10 am CWRU (107) 10 am UMW Bd. Mtg (104) 5:30pm Marijana Anon (100) 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7 pm ChristCare-DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 12-6pm Theater Group (FH)	<b>5</b> WUMC Progressive Dinner 4-10 p.m.
<b>13</b> <i>Royce Baptism 10am</i> 5pm Bible Study (105)	<b>14</b> 12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 12:30pm Advent Study (100) 7 pm Stephen Ministry (107) 7 pm Trustees (105) 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205)	<b>15</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal <b>Messenger Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) <b>5:30pm Community Meal</b> 6:30pm Thanksgiving Service 7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)	<b>17</b> 9 am Bible Study (205) 10:30am UMW Outreach (FH) 5:30pm Marijana Anon (100) 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7 pm ChristCare-DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 12-6pm Theater Group Performance (FH)	<b>19</b> 6:30pm ChristCare-JK/LK
<b>20</b> <i>Commitment Sunday</i> Hanging of the Greens & TingleFest 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. 	<b>21</b> 12:30pm Advent Study (100) 7 pm Finance Cmnte (107) 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205)	<b>22</b> NO Choristers 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 2 pm ChristCare-JMc (205) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed  <i>thanksgiving</i>	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 5pm Advent Study (107) 5pm Bible Study (105) <i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</i>	<b>28</b> 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205)	<b>29</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)			



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<b>Don Lefelar</b>	Visitation Pastor
<b>Ellie Peiffer</b>	Small Group & Welcoming Ministries
<b>Gretty Myers</b>	Stephen Ministry Coordinator
<b>Jeanette Albrecht</b>	Nursery Assistant
<b>Jeanne Halaby</b>	Nursery Assistant
<b>Jill Farkas</b>	Custodian
<b>Joshua Konow</b>	Director of Adult Choir
<b>Kathy Tafuri</b>	Volunteer Parish Nurse
<b>Lynne Wolf</b>	Office Assistant
<b>Morgan Lux</b>	Nursery Assistant
<b>Patti Barnes</b>	Nursery Coordinator
<b>Rachael Haning</b>	Youth Coordinator
<b>Rich Gallo</b>	11:28 Worship Leader
<b>Sharon Parks</b>	Finance Manager
<b>Stephanie Fries</b>	Church Operations Manager

**WUMC Librarians:** Nanci Danburg & Katie Salis

### 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



## November Events

All Saints Day  
11/6  
10 a.m.

Thanksgiving  
Service  
11/16  
6:30 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens  
and Tinglefest  
11/20  
4:30 p.m.

Spud Dinner  
& Movie Night  
11/12  
5 p.m.

Commitment  
Sunday  
11/20

**\* MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR DECEMBER: DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH \***

DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY  
Mailed October 28, 2016

November

*\*Live-streamed via our website*

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

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