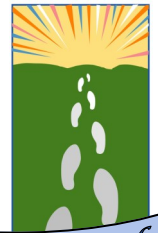


# THE MESSENGER



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



## Pastoral Reflections

**“THE WELL OF GOD’S  
PROVIDENCE IS DEEP. IT’S THE  
BUCKETS THAT WE BRING TO  
IT THAT ARE SMALL.”<sup>1</sup>**

The above words come from Mary Webb (1881-1927). These words are cited by Rev. Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey to introduce breakthrough prayer, one of the eight “flood gates” in her new book, *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church* which was published in late 2016. Some of the other “flood gates” in her new book include coachability, making a case for change, and stratagem for storms. Rev. Kibbey is the creator of “Ministry by Strengths,” and she has authored five books including *Ultimately Responsible: When You’re in Charge of Igniting a Ministry*.

Rev. Kibbey is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. She currently serves in the West Ohio Conference on Bishop Gregory Palmer’s executive staff as the Director of Missional Church Initiatives. In this role, Rev. Kibbey has worked with more than 70 congregations across four different United Methodist Conferences to assist them move forward off of a plateau or out of a period of decline. Bishop Palmer penned the foreword for *Flood Gates*, and in it he describes Rev. Kibbey saying, “As a passionate midwife for congregational renewal, she is driven by vision, bathed in prayer, and informed by data.”<sup>2</sup>

Hopefully by now you have heard that Rev. Kibbey is leading a day-retreat on February 25 at Westlake UMC. The retreat will focus on breakthrough prayer. Kibbey defines breakthrough prayer as intentional prayer asking God to break through in “new and miraculous ways.” Rev. Kibbey offers practical approaches that have renewed many congregations. Everyone is invited to attend this special retreat.

As we discussed on Baptism of the Lord Sunday, our God is a God of new beginnings, the God of new possibilities. Isaiah 43:19 states, “<sup>19</sup>See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the

wasteland.” Westlake UMC and other churches from several districts in the East Ohio Conference will come together on February 25 to learn about breakthrough prayer.

I pray that you will choose to be a part of this very special day in the life of Westlake UMC. Our space is limited, so please register now for the “Breakthrough Prayer” retreat to ensure that you will be a part of this transformational program. I also ask that you hold in prayer Rev. Kibbey, Westlake UMC, and all of us that are working on the planning for the retreat. I fully believe that God can and will breakthrough in “new and miraculous ways” in this faith community and in congregations throughout the East Ohio Conference.

Prayerfully Yours,

*Pastor Mellie*

<sup>1</sup>Sue Nilson Kibbey, *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2016), 29.

<sup>2</sup>Kibbey, *Flood Gates*, ix.

### Breakthrough Prayer Initiative with Rev. Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

There are limited spaces to participate in this day retreat on Breakthrough Prayer led by Rev. Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey. Sue is a sought after speaker who has led over 70 congregations in opening to God’s amazing vision and power through prayer. We hope that you will join us in a day of renewal and transformation. See flyer on page 9 for more info.

Sign up on the church website at [westlakeumc.org/](http://westlakeumc.org/) spiritual or through the paper signup sheet in the lobby by 2-17-17 (registration closes when workshop is full). Cost of the workshop is \$35.

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

# NEWS, SMALL GROUPS, & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

February 5	20's & 30's Group
February 12	Bob & Carolyn Remington
February 19	Westlake UMC United Methodist Women
February 26	Judy McDonald — <i>in celebration of my ChristCare Group</i>

Sponsorships are available for our weekly coffee hours following Worship on Sundays. If you would be interested in sponsoring coffee hour, please submit an envelope with the sponsorship amount included (\$35 per Sunday) at the office in the offering plate. You may also indicate a remembrance or celebration for a certain date if desired (though not necessary). Checks made payable to WUMC. You can find Sponsorship forms on the table near the coffee at Fellowship Hour and in the lobby.



## Winter Bible Study

**THURSDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.  
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16TH**



All are welcome to join Pastor Mollie for Bible Study on Thursday mornings. Gather in Room 205. Childcare available (please contact the church office to reserve your child's spot). Watch weekly bulletin for announcement of the topic for the coming weeks!



## Beyond Loneliness...

Pastor Mollie and Rev. Renee are leading this powerful study on the various types of Loneliness that are part of the human condition and how our relationship with God can work through these times to heal us and help us to live a more abundant life. 12 people are participating, including one who is joining us remotely via Skype.

In *Beyond Loneliness*, Trevor Hudson reminds us that God desires to be in relationship with us. God desires our friendship and Jesus is the model of how we enter into this friendship. By abiding in Jesus we experience intimacy with God. The following quote from *Beyond Loneliness* is meaningful to us as we embrace our church mission, "to live so that others will want to follow Jesus for the transformation of the world."

*"What does 'abiding in Jesus' involve? It involves turning each day to Jesus, listening to his voice, sharing our hearts with him, nourishing ourselves on his words, following his commands, inviting him into everything we do, and joining him in giving life to others. It probably also entails pruning away those parts of our lives contaminated by selfishness and greed. As we walk with Jesus, he and God come to be with us and make their home with us (See John 14:23). We begin to live together in the intimacy of the divine friendship."*

*As we grow and mature and abide in Jesus, we will also find it necessary to remain in a community that celebrates him as Lord and friend. No vine has only one branch. We do not make the journey to God alone.... When we open our lives to Jesus, he comes with his arms around his brothers and sisters.... To be connected to Jesus in friendship is to be connected to his friends as well."*

## 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE!

**Sunday, February 12th  
after all services in Fellowship Hall**

In one of our tastiest excuses to enjoy Fellowship with folks at WUMC comes the Annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale. Crafts, cards, trinkets, and bake goods galore will be on sale on February 12<sup>th</sup>. On a diet? Dislike Valentines? It is ok just give us a donation! Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working hard to fight back against the heroin epidemic.

(see p. 6 for more info).

Thank you for your support!

## UMW General Meeting



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH  
AT 10:30 A.M.**

Lady friends — you are welcome to join us each second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.! Bring your sandwich (dessert and beverage will be provided). We will enjoy our lunch at 12:00 and at 1:00 p.m. Dawn Kolograph of Westside Community House will speak to us of their 125 years of Methodist mission. Come celebrate with us! There will also be an annual Prayer and Self-Denial Service.

## Office Help Needed for Stuffing Bulletins on Fridays

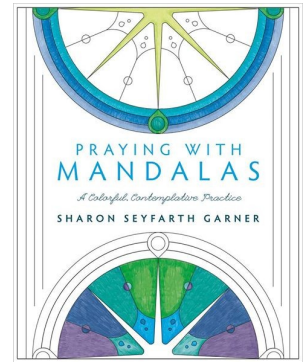


Are you free one or two Fridays a month and can help stuff the bulletins for Sundays? Stephanie can you someone (or two) the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month to come in anytime after 11 a.m. to assemble all bulletins and their innards. She could use help starting Friday, February 17th.

Please contact her via the church office if you would be able to enter into the rotation! Either email [westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org](mailto:westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org) or call (440) 871-3088.

## Praying with Mandalas A workshop for Adults and Families

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2—4 P.M.  
AT WESTLAKE UMC**



Rev. Sharon Seyfarth Garner, Director and Founder of Belly of the Whale Spiritual Direction & Retreat Ministries, will be guiding us through a tangible experience of prayer with **contemplative coloring of mandalas**. This is a simple and enjoyable way for adults and families to be with God on purpose.

Mandalas are circular designs symbolizing the notion that life is never ending. They can be used for meditation practice -allowing the busy mind to take a break while the creative mind is allowed to run free.

Child care will be available for children younger than 2nd grade; kiddos in 2nd and above are invited to join their parents for this prayerful practice.

The workshop is free. The cost of the book, *Praying with Mandalas*, is \$10.00. Please indicate when registering if you would like to purchase a copy of the book. You can register [HERE](#) or via the link available on our website (available February 1st). Questions? Please contact Gretty Myers via email at [grettymyers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grettymyers@sbcglobal.net)

## 2017 Chorister Cabaret

*My Funny Valentine:  
Love Songs through the Years*

**Friday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.  
At Westlake United Methodist Church**

Join us for an evening of cabaret performances & refreshments. Doors open for seating at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Proceeds support our 2017 Touring Ensemble tour in Costa Rica!

Reserve your tickets at [www.ochoristers.org/chorister-cabaret](http://www.ochoristers.org/chorister-cabaret)



## 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, FEBRUARY 6TH  
7:00—8:00 P.M.**

Westlake UMC, 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.

Please contact Gretty Myers to participate or to volunteer at (216) 701-2067 or [grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net).



### 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 via the church office (440) 871-3088 x17, or email [ktafuri@westlakeumc.org](mailto:ktafuri@westlakeumc.org).

### Memorial Reception Help Needed!

The church is looking for additional people willing to assist in the important work of helping families at the time of a memorial service. Your name will be added to the list of volunteers willing to be called to work in setting up, serving, or cleaning up for a reception following a memorial service. Please contact the office if you can volunteer via phone at (440) 871-3088, or send an email to [westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org](mailto:westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org)

### Prayer Beads

God calls each one of us into a relationship with him through prayer. Christian (Anglican) prayer beads are a tactile aid to prayer as a way to connect with God. The beads become a way to deepen your prayer life by encouraging not only the mind but the body to participate in prayer. The prayers keep the mind focused and the passing of beads through the fingers keeps the body engaged in prayer. Christian prayer beads have a great deal of symbolism woven into the design and give some structure to praying. Sets of prayer beads are available at no cost for you and others who need to be reminded that God is with us.

Stephen Ministers are available every Sunday morning in Room 203 from 9:00-9:30 and again 11:00-11:30 to help you understand the impact prayer beads can have in your prayer life. Please stop by on Sunday morning for your own set of prayer beads or a set for someone else and a brief explanation of how to use them.

We are able to make these prayer beads available with a generous donation of beads from Eleanore Lehto, handmade crosses from Alex Combs, and the creative hands of Linda Eads and Mary Saffles.

**Questions?** Please contact Gretty Myers at [grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net)

***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." ~1 THESSALONIANS 5: 16-17***



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

## February Mission Opportunities



## New Mission Opportunities!

*You asked, we listened. Now we need you!*

The Mission Team is confirming dates for a **spring weekend mission event** at **Nehemiah Mission** for adults and children age 12 and up. This is tentatively planned for the weekend of March 31—April 1.

We are also setting up a **summer half/full week adult Mission trip** to **Blue Rose Mission in Mansfield, Ohio**.

Dates will be announced as soon as possible. We are looking for trained leaders for both trips.

If you are interested in one or both of these events, or can help lead, please contact one of the Mission Team co-chairs, John Carreon, [carreon@oh.rr.com](mailto:carreon@oh.rr.com) or Kay Martin at [kcbrightm@aol.com](mailto:kcbrightm@aol.com)

### SIMPSON UMC COMMUNITY MEAL

**Sunday, February 5th at 4:30 p.m.**

Simpson UMC serves a monthly community meal on the first Sunday of the month at 4:30. As we know with our community meal, it takes many people to make this happen. We are looking for a few people to go to Simpson, join in fellowship, and help with clean up. They are also looking for people who can provide special music during the meal. Simpson UMC is located at 8519 Clark Ave, about 15 minutes from WUMC. Sign up on the lobby bulletin board.

### KIDS IN NEED RESOURCE CENTER

**Saturday, February 11th, 9 a.m. to 12 noon**

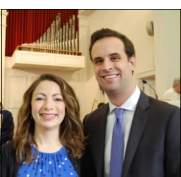
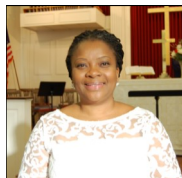
We would like a minimum of 6 to a maximum of 10 volunteers to join us for service at the Kids in Need Resource Center (3631 Perkins Ave., Cleveland). Meet at church for carpool at 8:30. Sign-up on the lobby bulletin board.

## CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

The following folks joined the church on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them and encourage them on their faith journey.

**Rachel Amable** — Rachel grew up in Ghana and has spent the last 10 years in the US. She has her undergraduate degree in English, a minor in French, an MBA in marketing and is also a certified Nursing Assistant. She first came to the church with Dot and Carl Antel when she was their caregiver. In her spare time, Rachel loves to cook and looks forward to getting connected to a small group at our church.



**Chris and Meghan Holden** — Chris grew up in Pittsburgh and is an investment banker at Key. Meghan is from Akron and is a school therapist with Ohio Guidestone (formerly Berea children's

home). The couple met at Miami University and has been married 2 years. They are active in our young adults ChristCare group. Meghan was also baptized on January 15th by Rev. Mollie!

**Meredith Schuler** — Meredith was a long time member of Westlake UMC and her 3 children grew up in the church. She was an elementary school teacher at Holly Lane. Meredith loves to travel and this fall she went to Iceland and she is planning her next trip to Glacier National Park in the summer. We are glad to welcome her back.

**Pat Summers** — Pat and her husband Richard are frequent attenders at our 8:15am service. Pat has 1 grandson who is the apple of her eye! Pat is a frequent flyer to Hawaii and leaves shortly for her 16th visit! She also is a big fan of Elvis and can let you know the best Elvis impersonators in town!



*Welcome!*

# CHRISTIAN ED & FAMILY EVENTS



## From the Desk of Christian Ed

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



### ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> after all  
worship services

In one of our tastiest excuses to enjoy fellowship with folks at WUMC comes the Annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale. Crafts, cards, trinkets, and bake goods galore will be on sale on February 12<sup>th</sup>. On a diet? Dislike Valentines? It is ok just give us a donation! Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working hard to fight back against the heroin epidemic.

Listen up, heroin is killing more people in Cuyahoga County than motor vehicle accidents. The newest addicts are teens and 20-somethings coming from middle- and upper-middle class suburban families. These kids aren't walking into addiction one here and another there but by the thousands. This is the bad news. The good news is that our partners at **Ohio Guidestone** (known for their fantastic services and programs via Stepstone Academy) are launching a new 360 wrap around initiative to provide treatment, trauma therapy for the loved ones of addicts, and help, help, help for children who often become the quiet and unintentional victims of addiction. With your help, Mrs. Janet Hanacek and her trusted helping side kick Alison Steele will lead this class in mass production of welcome kits, Easter kits, and provide a monetary donation (with your help) to help their trauma counseling program. Please join us on the 12<sup>th</sup>, support our young mission team, eat a cupcake, and pray we light up this darkness with God's help!

### WUMC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

#### Calling High School Seniors!



We welcome our college bound high school seniors to apply for a WUMC Scholarship recognizing their contribution in Christian service to WUMC, their various communities, and the broader village. For more information, contact Mrs. Carol Ryan. **To apply, click [here](#) (or go to website) and apply by March 7<sup>th</sup>.**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Parents & guardians are invited  
to join the Kinders and Firsties  
for a Milk and Cookies Open House  
after the 10:00 service in their  
Classroom on February 5<sup>th</sup>!

Come meet Your child's friends,  
and other parents,  
plus hear from their teachers!

### THE EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS COMING!

Save the Date: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Looking for a table away from home to calmly, cleanly, and carefully dye Easter eggs? If you answered yes, please keep on looking because this event might not be for you!

Easter defines us. It is extraordinary. Heck, it is eggstraordinary! Let out a Hallelujah and join us as we celebrate the power of our faith, God's love, and an empty tomb. Bring a friend, bring a spouse, bring grandpa, but surely bring your eggcitement for eggcellent creative egg creations. What do we need to now? Put the date on your calendar, make an omelet, and crank up Christ the Lord is Risen today and rock out with Charles Wesley. Interested in scrambling this event together? Contact Carol Ryan via the church office or [cryan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:cryan@westlakeumc.org).

Mark your calendars now!!



**THIS SUNDAY! Email**

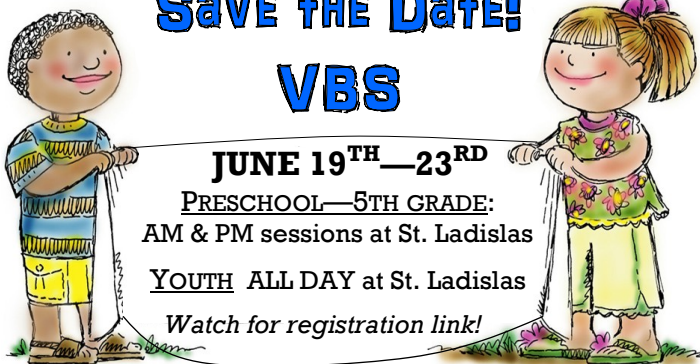
Do you have a child or youth participating in the Sunday school program? Are you receiving our THIS Sunday updates, or youth group emails? If not, please contact Carol Ryan via [cryan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:cryan@westlakeumc.org) to get connected and register your kiddo!

**DATES TO KNOW**

**February 5:** Milk & Cookies for Kinders, Firsties, and Parents/Guardians  
**February 12:** The Annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale  
**March 12:** Praying with Mandalas

## Save the Date!

## VBS



# ATTENTION YOUTH!

**... Have you heard?**

**UPCOMING YOUTH SCHEDULE:**

**February 5th** No evening youth (regular High School Sunday School & Confirmation)  
**February 12th** Regular Youth (5-8)  
**February 17-18th** 30 Hour Famine Lock-in  
**February 19th** No evening youth (regular High School Sunday School & Confirmation)  
**February 24-26th** Confirmation Retreat  
**February 26th** No evening youth (regular High School Sunday School)

**SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

All Youth entering 9th and up, please watch youth emails for information on mission trip to Camp Mechuwana in Maine this summer.



**QUESTIONS? NOT GETTING THE WEEKLY EMAILS WITH YOUTH UPDATES? NEED TO UPDATE YOUR EMAIL?**

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

**COUPON LABELS NEEDED:** The United Methodist Women are collecting **BOX TOPS** for Education. These are for the kids at Flat Rock. You will find this label on various food packaging. (You will NOT find this label on Campbell Soup cans.) Please help us collect these, and they will supply many valuable items for the children. Question? Please contact Betty Levis (440) 871-8644. The collection box is located under the mailboxes, across from the copy room door.

## CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

**Life Events****WITH SYMPATHY**

**Bob St. Leger**, father of Ellie Peiffer. Bob passed away January 19th, and a memorial service was held at Rockport UMC on January 28th.

**Carrie Mikuluk**, daughter-in-law of Janet & Mel Hanacek. Carrie passed away December 25th.

**THANK YOU!**

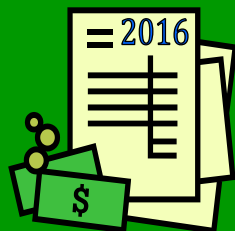
Dear Westlake UMC Family,  
 Thank you for all friends in the church who lifted up prayers during my long illness that stretched from November to January! Between three different hospitals and multiple treatments, I appreciated all of the spiritual supports for healing.

~Mary Klag





# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



## Annual Statements

Financial Statements for the 2016 Tax Year were mailed out January 30th.

If you do not receive your statement by February 5th, please contact Sharon Parks, Finance Manager.

**Instead of an envelope with a check or cash on Sunday, there are two other ways 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— December 2016

	December 2016	YTD 2016	2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2016
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$98,688.23	\$563,311.14	\$94,351.03	\$568,072.45	\$570,000.00	\$570,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$98,688.23	\$563,311.14	\$94,351.03	\$568,072.45	\$570,000.00	\$570,000.00
EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.						
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$28,991.22	\$328,485.11	\$25,479.27	\$316,008.82	\$355,634.00	\$355,634.00
OFFICE EXP.	1,612.83	21,978.89	1,824.31	23,858.64	22,583.40	22,583.40
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	25,737.86	28,464.12	2,263.54	4,793.82	1,880.00	1,880.00
FACILITIES EXP.	9,856.97	61,370.89	26,575.52	96,988.39	83,546.60	83,546.60
Subtotal Expenses	66,198.88	440,299.01	56,142.64	441,649.67	463,644.00	463,644.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE						
MUSIC EXP.	2,134.72	2,846.05	2,968.56	4,907.09	4,250.00	4,250.00
WORSHIP EXP.	834.51	7,186.90	568.81	8,224.57	8,375.00	8,375.00
EDUCATION EXP.	1,739.42	15,955.24	3,704.50	20,139.28	18,090.00	18,090.00
OUTREACH EXP.	900.07	6,818.79	708.63	4,818.16	8,065.00	8,065.00
MISSION EXP.	18,909.78	90,205.15	22,862.27	88,333.68	67,576.00	67,576.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	24,518.50	123,012.13	30,812.77	126,422.78	106,356.00	106,356.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	90,717.38	563,311.14	86,955.41	568,072.45	570,000.00	570,000.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$ 7,970.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,395.62	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



# *Breakthrough Prayer Initiative*

with Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey

*Author of Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 A.M.— 2:30 P.M.  
AT WESTLAKE UMC**

**What happens when a congregation unites to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways?** We can launch our congregation into the kind of churchwide breakthrough prayer initiative that fuels the atmosphere of possibility, and begins to shift our focus up-and-outward. Breakthrough prayer can be incorporated into what already happens in your daily life as a congregation. In the workshop, you will:

- Become equipped with inspiration, guidance, and practical ideas from churches of all sizes and settings who have implemented with innovation & impact
- Learn how to utilize breakthrough prayer through key aspects of your weekly worship
- Develop your church's heart to reach its neighborhood with the message and love of Christ
- Help shift the focus, direction and future of your church by implementing a simple breakthrough prayer initiative

**COST OF THE WORKSHOP IS \$35 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES LUNCH**

**Registration Requirements: Registration space is limited and is available online at our website via [westlakeumc.org/spiritual](http://westlakeumc.org/spiritual)**

**—REGISTRATION CLOSING 2/17/17 OR WHEN THE WORKSHOP IS FULL—**

**Rev. Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey** currently serves on the West Ohio Conference's executive staff as the Director of Missional Church Initiatives. Sue leads the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), a rigorous 360-degree coaching and training effort to jumpstart a new life cycle of ministry fruitfulness. More than 70 congregations across four different United Methodist Conferences have moved off plateau/decline and forged forward through the intensive work of the MCCI. Sue's newest book published by Abingdon Press, *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*, features detailed content on Breakthrough Prayer.



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# KIDS' ACTIVITIES & COLORING

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## Love and Appreciation



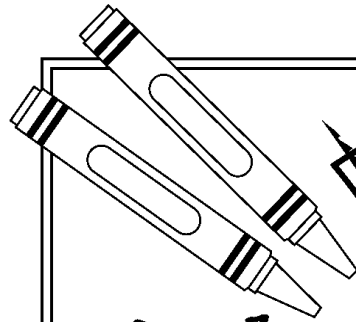
Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

### What you need:

- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

### What you do:

1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!



## A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

**DIRECTIONS:** Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	If 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
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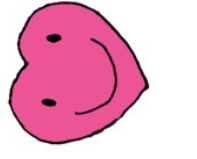
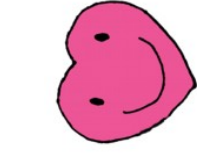
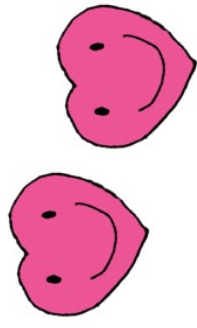
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1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

# February 2017




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> 4:30pm Simpson UMC Meal 5pm Beyond Loneliness (107)	<b>6</b> 9am Stephen Min. Class (107) 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100) 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205) 7pm Caregivers Group (100 & 107)	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)	<b>2</b> 10am CWRU (107) 10am UMW Board Mtg (105) 5:30pm Marijana Anon (100) 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7 pm CC — DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 3—6pm Theater Group (FH)	<b>4</b> 6:30pm ChristCare — J/L. K.
<b>12</b>  <b>Valentine's Bake and Craft Sale</b> <b>after all services</b> 5pm Beyond Loneliness (107) <b>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</b>	<b>13</b> 9am Stephen Min. Class (107) 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100) 12:30pm Games N Such (FH) 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205) 7pm Trustees (105) 7pm Stephen Ministry (107)	<b>14</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:00pm Mission Team (107) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30am All Staff Mtg (205) 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)	<b>16</b> 9 am Bible Study (205) 10am CWRU (107) 5:30pm Marijana Anon (100) 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7 pm CC — DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 3—6pm Theater Group (FH)	<b>18</b> 6:30pm ChristCare — J/L. K.
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9am Stephen Min. Class (107) 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100) 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205)	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 6:30pm SPROC (205) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>22</b> 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 2 pm ChristCare-JMc (205) <b>5:30pm Community Meal</b> 7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)	<b>23</b> 9 am Bible Study (205) 10am CWRU (107) 10am UMW Missions (FH) 5:30pm Marijana Anon (100) 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7 pm CC — DL (205) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 3-6pm Theater Group (105-7)	<b>25</b> BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER INITIATIVE 9 A.M.—2:30 P.M.
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9am Stephen Min. Class (107) 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100) 7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH & Sanct)			<b>Confirmation Retreat</b> —→	

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