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WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. (started February 16th)

Sundays beginning TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m.

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). Pastor Mollie will continue the study on the Acts of the Apostles. Sundays the group will meet in Room 107 (no childcare available).

Ash Wednesday Service
March 1st at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to receive ashes & holy communion

"FAMILIES OF FAITH" CHRISTCARE GROUP

Lenten Study of John

Saturdays, beginning March 4th from 6—8 p.m.

Can't seem to carve out the time in busy family life to join with others on the journey of faith? The "Families of Faith" Christcare group might be for you! We meet every other Saturday night from 6-8pm. Childcare is provided for kids under 10 years old. Our Lenten study will be "Light of Life - the Gospel of John". It is a 4 week session so perfect to try it out! Please contact Jim or Leslie Kubancik at juliaryank@yahoo.com

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, March 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 grettymyers@sbcglobal.net.

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, please go to our website westlakeumc.org. Deadline: March 7th.

WOMEN'S CHRISTCARE GROUP

Gifts of the Dark Wood - Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)

Mondays, starting March 6th at 12:30 p.m.

All ladies of the church are welcome to join the Monday afternoon ChristCare group for the DVD Study "Gifts of the Dark Wood." Though commonly understood as a place to be feared and avoided, the Dark Wood is the surest place to meet God, writes Dr. Eric Elnes. It is a place where you may feel uncertain, empty, lost, tempted, and alone. Yet these feelings - these gifts of the Dark Wood - can be your greatest assets on your journey because they invite you to probe, question, and discover. According to the ancients, you don't need to be a saint or spiritual master to experience profound awakening. All you really need to be is *struggling*. This is a 9 week study for anyone who feels awkward in their search for God, who seeks to find holiness amid their holy mess.

UMW GENERAL MEETING: *"The Life and Times of St. Patrick"*

Thursday, March 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Hi Ladies! Please join our friendly group at its monthly meeting at the church followed by the 12:00 noon lunch. Bring your sandwich. Our hostesses will provide dessert and beverages. The 1:00 p.m. program will be presented by Mr. Ted Smith, entitled, "Life and Times of St. Patrick." This surely will be interesting!

WESTLAKE ECUMENICAL VBS COORDINATOR

Part-time, energetic, team oriented, Christian to lead the successful planning, and execution of the annual Westlake Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (VBS) program. The Westlake Ecumenical VBS collaborative is a 26-year partnership of five area churches whose VBS program provides an enriching one-week experience to approximately 200 children each year.

Candidate will possess strong personal and electronic communication skills, leadership, organization, project management, and an ability to recruit as well as lead volunteers. Preferred experience includes participation as a leader in a VBS program, and experience with children. Candidate will facilitate Ecumenical VBS leadership via preparation and facilitation of monthly winter/spring planning sessions. Onsite leadership during VBS week (June 19-23) is required, as well as completion of BCI. Majority of this ministry can be conducted from home.

Interested candidates should email letter of interest, and resume to westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org by March 1.

Your Week Ahead:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9 & 11 am	Individual Prayer Time	***Room 203***
5:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor Mollie	***Room 107***

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:30 pm	ChristCare Group (E. Peiffer)	***Room 205***
7:00 pm	Finance Committee	***Room 107***
7:00 pm	ChristCare Group (G/J Linch)	***Room 205***
7:30 pm	11:28 Band Rehearsal	***Sanctuary***

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 pm	Oberlin Choristers	***F. Hall/Sanct***
6:00 pm	Mission Team	***Room 107***

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 — Ash Wednesday

11:30 am	Purl Girls	***Room 100***
1:00 pm	Parish Nurse Available	***Nurse's Office***
1:30 pm	Arthritis Exercise Group	***Room 103***
7:30 pm	**Ash Wednesday Service**	***Sanctuary***

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am	Bible Study	***Room 205***
10:00 am	CWRU Book Group	***Room 107***
10:00 am	UMW Board Meeting	***Room 104***
5:30 pm	Marijuana's Anonymous	***Room 100***
6:15 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	***Sanct.***
7:00 pm	ChristCare Group (D. Lefelar)	***Room 205***
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	***Sanct.***

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

3:00 pm	Theater Group (C. Igo)	***Rm 103-4***

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

6:30pm	ChristCare Group (J/L Kubancik)	***Room 205***

Financial Summary:

Regular Offering — 2/19:	$ 5,447.00
Month-to-date:	$ 28,650.25
Total January:	$ 40,479.97
Capital Gifts given in 2017	$ 155.00

Attendance

February 19: 289

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 sign on at 10:00 or after for best connection.

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

Westlake United Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Mollie Brown, Senior Pastor..... mgbrown@westlakeumc.org
Annie Kaschube.....Organist, Children's Choir Director, and Director of Handbells
Betsy Kaiser ..... Nursery Assistant
Carol Ryan..... Christian Education Director
Don Lefelar ..... Volunteer Visitation Pastor
Ellie Peiffer ..... Small Group & Welcoming Ministries
Gretty Myers..... Stephen Ministry Coordinator
Jeanette Albrecht ..... Nursery Assistant
Jeanne Halaby..... Nursery Assistant
Joshua Konow..... Chancel Choir Director
Jill Farkas ..... Custodian
Kathy Tafuri..... Volunteer Parish Nurse
Lynne Wolf ..... Office Assistant
Morgan Lux..... Nursery Assistant
Patti Barnes..... Nursery Coordinator
Rachael Haning..... Youth Coordinator
Rich Gallo..... 11:28 Worship Leader
Sharon Parks..... Finance Manager
Stephanie Fries ..... Church Operations Manager

WUMC Librarians: Nanci Danburg & Katie Salis

Other pastors connected to this congregation:

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

Who We Are

OUR IDENTITY

United Methodists hold to the historic doctrines of the Christian faith. We value the intellect and modern science, while at the same time look to the Bible as the authoritative guide for faith and practice. As Methodists our passionate faith is advanced by strong convictions. Yet, we also recognize that the world is not always black and white. We are willing to ask questions, to wrestle with difficult issues, and to do so with grace and compassion. At Westlake United Methodist Church, we welcome people of all ages, races, social and economic backgrounds, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Our emphasis has been on personal faith, lived out in the world with direction and purpose.

OUR PURPOSE

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

OUR VISION

To be people who provide opportunities for community worship, spiritual growth and missionary service.

For Your Information:

First time visitors – we have a special gift for you, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet you personally. Please be sure to pick up this gift in the lobby or narthex before you leave today.

All members, friends, and visitors are invited to sign the Attendance Pad as indicated in the Order of Worship. Help us to keep our information up to date and get to know those worshiping near you.

Westlake United Methodist Church welcomes the hearing impaired. Personal listening devices are available at the entrances—or please ask an usher.

Childcare is available during morning worship services. An usher will be glad to assist you in finding the nursery.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

TODAY'S COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME SPONSOR...

Judy McDonald in celebration of my ChristCare Group!

Enjoy Fellowship Time with your WUMC friends every Sunday after all services! *All are welcome!*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN...

In loving memory of Johnnie and Shirley Johnston from their family

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME & COMMUNION

Sundays, 9—9:30 or 11—11:30 a.m. in Room 203

Stephen Ministers are available **every Sunday morning** 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.*

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorships are $35, available for our weekly coffee hours following Worship on Sundays. If you would be interested in sponsoring coffee hour, **you can find Sponsorship forms on the table near the coffee at Fellowship Hour or in the lobby.**

The March-April *Upper Room* and *Alive Now!*
are now available in the lobby and the Narthex.
Free will offerings gratefully accepted.

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