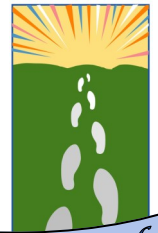


THE MESSENGER



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Pastoral Reflections "PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE"

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, I have been thinking a lot about hope. I have been reflecting on how individually, and as a congregation, we can bring hope to those in this world that may feel hopeless. One of the things I love about Westlake UMC is the commitment of this congregation to be in service to others. Mission and outreach are not just "to do list" items on our church calendar. Mission and outreach are intricately woven into the fabric of who we are as United Methodists in this faith community. Each time we engage in mission and outreach, it is our prayer that we are planting seeds of hope in the lives of as many persons as possible. Our work on the Westside of Cleveland with organizations like West Side Community House and Nehemiah Mission provides assistance locally to many who are in need. Our monthly community meal not only provides physical nourishment, it also affords those that join us each month with the opportunity to eat a meal that was prepared for them in community with other individuals. As we continue to work with Flat Rock Homes and OhioGuidestone, we support strong regional providers of services that transform the lives of so many individuals and families.

On an international basis, Westlake UMC has been helping plant seeds of hope all over the planet. You heard in worship on January 29 about the great work that Rachael Haning and the UMVIM team did in Ecuador earlier this year. It was truly an honor for me to be a part of the team from the North Coast District that traveled to Cambodia. During our time in Cambodia we participated in numerous educational training sessions with clergy and laity in several villages. We also visited three schools and conducted four Vacation Bible Schools that reached 600 children. Education is a vital conduit for bringing hope to others.

In early March, Harry Askin will provide our congregation with an update on the seeds of hope that were planted by the UMVIM team he was a part of in Liberia. Also, in the coming weeks we will talk more about the seeds of hope that are planted in Africa through Africa

University (AU). In 2017, AU is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Graduates of Africa University are planting seeds of hope throughout the continent. For example, an Africa University alum has established more than 65 United Methodist churches in Malawi. Another graduate works with a Christian relief organization in South Africa, while an additional member of the alumni has helped 200,000 displaced persons in Darfur have access to clean water, medicine, and toilets. Africa University graduates also plant seeds of hope through their work for peace throughout the continent.

Education offers hope to people throughout this world. When Westlake UMC supports educational opportunities in Cambodia and Africa we are planting seeds of hope for generations to come. Thank you for your support of our mission and outreach work locally and around the globe. As we enter this season of reflection, I invite you to prayerfully consider joining in on the mission and outreach opportunities of this local congregation to change the world one life at a time through planting seeds of hope.

In Christ,

Pastor Mollie

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



March 1st at 7:30 p.m.

*All are invited to receive ashes
& holy communion*

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

NEWS, SMALL GROUPS, & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Winter Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles

THURSDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.



All are welcome to join Pastor Mollie for Bible Study as she continues the study on the Acts of the Apostles. Thursday mornings please gather in Room 205. Child-care available on Thursdays (please contact the church office to reserve your child's spot).

Sundays the group will meet in Room 107. Please note there is no meeting on March 5th, but will resume March 12th.



Coffee with the Pastor

NOW SCHEDULING IN MARCH

Anyone considering membership with Westlake UMC is encouraged to meet with Pastor Mollie for a pre-membership session. She will talk with you about your faith journey and answer any questions you have about what it means to be a United Methodist, what membership involves, and the mission and vision of our church. Please contact the church office to schedule your time with Pastor Mollie!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS



March 5 Tom & Mary Brown

March 12 Roseann Fekete

March 19 JT & Donna Lovins

March 26 In recognition of the Stephen Ministers

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.

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

2017 Family Study for Lent

by MaryJane Pierce Norton

The season of Lent is a wonderful time to start weekly family devotions. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (this year March 1, 2017) and lasts forty days (not including the Sundays). Sundays are excluded because those are the days we remember Jesus' resurrection. Every Sunday is a little celebration of Easter and thus a time of joy.

Historically, the Christian church has recognized Lent as a time to bring people closer to God. Individuals and groups engage in Bible study, in mission and service, and in fasting to prepare themselves for Easter.

The 40 days of Lent are symbolic of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he began his ministry. During that time, he was tempted; but he stayed true to God.

You can read the full article and see the scriptures and suggestions of activities to use during a family time of devotion for the weeks of Lent here: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/2017-family-study-for-lent>

UMW Plant Sale!

SPRING WILL BE HERE SOON,
AND SO WILL THE UMW
FLOWER/PLANT SALE!

You will receive your order form in your April Messenger, but even before that, forms will be available in the church lobby on the table across from the elevator. Please support this because all profit is given to mission. It is a Christian endeavor!

Additional information will be coming. Questions? Please call Mary Klag (440) 934-8084. The Plant/Flower pick-up will be Saturday, May 13th.



ChristCare Groups Open

WOMEN'S MONDAY AFTERNOON CHRISTCARE GROUP

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

Mondays starting March 6th at 12:30pm

All ladies of the church are welcome to join the Monday afternoon ChristCare group for the 9 week 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*.

In clear and lucid prose that combines the heart of a mystic, the soul of a poet, and the mind of a biblical scholar, Dr. Eric Elnes demystifies the seven gifts bestowed in the Dark Wood: the gifts of uncertainty, emptiness, being thunderstruck, getting lost, temptation, disappearing, and the gift of misfits. This is a study for anyone who feels awkward in their search for God, who seeks to find holiness amid their holy mess. Please meet in Room 205.

SATURDAY EVENING "FAMILIES OF FAITH"

Lenten Study of John

Saturdays starting March 4th at 6:00pm

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 juliyank@yahoo.com.


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!

MISSION OUTREACH CIRCLE

If you would like to know about our Mission Outreach circles, please call Betty Levis at (440) 871-8644. At these gatherings, uncomplicated mission projects are created. Lots of fellowship, too!

Save the Date! 

United Methodist Men Belgian Waffle Breakfast

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

Our men are busy planning for the annual Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Palm Sunday next month. We will have the usual syrup, tasty fruit toppings and a variety of beverages all morning, before, and after services. Put it on your calendar now!

SAVE THE DATE! 

Music in Ministry: Variety Show!

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH AT 4:00 P.M.

We will be having our first ever "Music in Ministry" concert. The Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and 11:28 band will be participating in this fun, light-hearted music concert. **A variety of music, including Broadway showtunes, will be performed.** Come one, come all for an afternoon of musical fun, smiles, and fellowship! We will also be taking a free will offering to support the youth summer mission trip. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

COMPASSION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE



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.

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 ktafari@westlakeumc.org.



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.

A Medicare Message.....

Patricia Whited Stineman, MSIG CSA
OSHIIP Certified Medicare Counselor, (440) 781-1383

ENROLLING IN PART A AND B:

What are the Enrollment periods for Medicare?

Initial Enrollment Period (when you're first eligible and turning 65) is the 7-month period: beginning 3 months before your birth month, the month you turn 65, and the 3 months after your turn 65. IF you are outside of your Initial Enrollment Period and you are eligible for Premium free Part A you may sign up for Part A any-time. If you need to BUY A and or Part B, you can only sign up during the **General or a Special enrollment period**. *Not signing up when you're first eligible you may be subject to a higher premium for late enrollment.*

General Enrollment Period:

January 1–March 31 each year

You can sign up for Part A and/or Part B during January 1 –March 31 each year if both of these apply: 1) You didn't sign up when you were first eligible and 2) you aren't eligible for a Special Enrollment Period (see below).

Special circumstances

(Special Enrollment Periods)

You may be eligible for a Special Enrollment if you or your spouse (or family member if you're disabled) is working and covered by a group health plan based on that work. You may be eligible for an 8-month SEP to sign up for Part A and/or Part B starting when whichever happens first: 1) The month after the employment ends or 2) the month after the group health plan insurance ends, based on current employment ends. **Usually, you don't pay a late enrollment penalty if you sign up during a SEP.**

Lenten Lunch Series

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 8TH—APRIL 5TH
12:05-12:50 P.M.

@St. Ladislav Parish Center (Cullen Hall)
2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake

Share lunch, Christian fellowship, and traditional Lenten Prayer and reflection as a multid denominational community. All are welcome to attend this free series with a different speaker each week, as well as a simple meal of soup and a hard roll. No reservations needed.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

Spring Weekend Mission Retreat

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST, 7:00 P.M. -
SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST, 6:00 P.M.**

Adults and children 12 years old and up are eligible.

Cost per person; \$40.00 per night. Includes lodging and meals.

Meeting for details, paperwork, and deposit will be at 9:00 and 11:00 on March 5th in the Library off of Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up on Main Bulletin board, or email Kay Martin at kcbrightm@aol.com. If you would like to participate and cannot attend the meeting, or with any questions, please let Kay know ASAP.



WUMC Adult Mission Trip

JUNE 28TH—JULY 1ST

Our first ever adult mission trip — be a part of it! We are going to Blue Rose Mission in Mansfield, Ohio for a half week work mission. We will arrive Wednesday, June 28th at 4:30 p.m. and leave for home the morning of Saturday, July 1. The cost per person is \$245.00.

We will be having an information meeting in March, date TBA. Contact Gretty Myers or Kay Martin to reserve your place or for more information.



Update: East Ohio Conference UMVIM Trip to Liberia (JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 9, 2017)

Our conference team of six arrived in Liberia at Camphor United Methodist Mission with the goal of providing

some uplifting spiritual hope for the 50 or so teachers and staff there. As usually happens we came away with our own personal renewal in Christ and our Faith commitment.

The staff there as well as United Methodist Mission staffs throughout Liberia have not been paid their salaries since September 2016. The reason is that our World Wide United Methodist church has been conducting a 5 month audit of possible irregularities involving some members of the senior staff of the Annual Conference in Monrovia.

This necessary action has visited untold misery on local teachers and other staff. Lack of food at Camphor Mission seemed evident to some of our team who had been there before. Within this backdrop we focused our relationship building on the staff. After school each day we made sure the adult staff was fed a hearty meal and spent time getting to know each other through adult games, and singing. They took a day to show us their culture with some fun activities also.

This was my first International Mission trip where our exposure was to predominately United Methodist Christians. What a joy it was as we ultimately shared Prayer walks, Foot washing and Communion together. I came away with a tremendous feeling of spiritual renewal and hopefully they did too in spite of their economic condition. Their Faith in God seemed unshaken by the previous five months event and we all prayed it would end soon.

A couple of us also spent several evenings doing plumbing repairs at the Judy Olin UMVIM guesthouse. We then visited several other UMC Mission sites near the end of our trip where we saw more hope and an incredible upbeat attitude among Liberian United Methodists working to make Liberia a better place to live.

The WUMC Mission Committee made a very generous contribution on behalf of the congregation of \$500 to help with one month's salary at Camphor Mission. It was delivered while the team was there and very much appreciated.

~Harry Askin (pictured at right with a student at Camphor)



CHRISTIAN ED & FAMILY EVENTS



From the Desk of Christian Ed

Mrs. Carol Ryan — cryan@westlakeumc.org

H IS FOR CHURCH

Hamsters, heroin, and hunger defined who we are in Christian Education this past month. Seriously. Let me weave this all together for the readers.

Two years ago, following a most delightfully insightful conversation with one of our second graders, Christian Ed decided one of our classes would be even better if they had a class pet. A **hamster** was procured from a pet shop. The Kubancik family used their animal whispering skills to get said pet ready for mass handling. A naming day vote went so perfectly wrong that a dwarf hamster was named **Spike Lilly Taco Humphrey**. Each Sunday, Spike went home with a unique Sunday school friend to play and hear bedtime Bible stories for the week. Spike returned on Sundays for class, and traveled home with another friend. By fall, it was clear that Spike was aging and tired of so much handling. Together with their lead teacher, Miss Sue Geringer, the kids planned a marvelous retirement party. There were games, Cheerio based gifts for Spike, and a special lesson about our responsibility to care for God's creatures as well as how God notices even just one small creature. Spike is doing well, and loving Retirement Casa Kuenzer home. Christian Education is fun, listens to our kids, and steals teachable moments wherever offered.

There are a lot of powerful statistics about the **heroin** epidemic. But names of the overdosed deaths are not just statistics. On Christmas Eve, I received a devastating email from our beloved teacher, Mrs. Janet Hanacek that her former daughter-in-law (Carrie Mikuluk) and mother of five of her grandchildren overdosed. This same email suggested perhaps our 4th-5th grade mission address this poison. Carrie died the following day. The days and weeks to follow we spoke carefully to the kids, and corresponded with parents about this epidemic. I was both pleased with the support, and saddened by the number of families with a name not a statistic to share connected to the opiate and heroin plague. In moving forward, we had to find the right partner organization for 10 – 12 year olds. Arian May called one day from Ohio Guidestone. She was new to a position and looking for our traditional mission contacts. It was not a call I should

have picked up. It was the kind of call where you take a message, then get it to the intended recipient. A dozen shelter-like organizations were contacted but each “felt” a little “too real” for our young missionaries. On what seemed like a whim, I called back Miss May just to see who she would recommend. I still had her number, and she was so cheerful leaving a message. OhioGuidestone itself, she explained, was just preparing to launch a new all encompassing response to the epidemic. *So much for whim, right?* Intercession makes this a Romans 8:26 moment, a Holy Spirit moment. Christian Education is applicable, directs children to respond to God's call, and prays for God's help.

WUMC Youth kicked off their third 30-hour famine program on Friday, February 17, at 8:00 AM. Process this. Teenagers capable of eating aisle nine as a post-dinner snack volunteer to fast for 30 Hours. There are no fancy gimmicks, no amazing giveaways, and yeah again, there are no snacks. There is simply this opportunity to gather together and learn about life circumstances, impossible choices, and the strength of the human spirit. These lessons amplified by their empty stomachs, and temporary **hunger**. Powerful moments come as brilliant teens struggle by hour 26 to read aloud, as they sing favorite 11:28 service style songs during their free time, and most certainly as one 6th grader explained how “our spiritual hunger needs to be filled by God and to cram ourselves full with everything else but God leaves us starving too.” Christian Education avails opportunities which in turn inspire, and uplift us, and remind us God speaks clearly to us all regardless of our age.

WUMC ANNUAL EGGTRAVAGANZA SUNDAY, APRIL 9, FROM 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Please bring one dozen hard boiled eggs per egg-dying participant. We will provide the dyes, and other supplies. It wouldn't be a WUMC if there wasn't one surprise activity planned! The parent feedback survey may lead to some unique changes and twists at this year's event. Will we continue this year with eggsperiments or might we find some eggstastic interactive focus around Holy Week? To voice your opinion (parents of active WUMC program participants); complete the survey found in separate email.

Interested in scrambling this event together, or working one of the various stations? Contact Carol Ryan via the church office or cryan@westlakeumc.org.



SUMMER CAMPERS

East Ohio Conference Summer Camps are an exciting adventure, opportunity to make new friends, and spend a week sandwiched in a Christian s'more of God's love and abundant outdoor wonder! Thanks to the generosity of our **UMW**, WUMC families can apply for scholarship **support** for weeklong camp experiences! For more information on camps, or scholarship support, please contact Carol Ryan. For a listing of camps and information, please click here <http://www.eocumc.com/camps/>

DEAR BAKE SALE SUPPORTERS!

Thank you for buying our sweet treats and goody bags at the bake sale. Thanks to your support we raised over \$1000! The money will be donated to Ohio Guidestone to fight against heroine and to make blankets for children of addicts. Thank you!

Natalie from Mrs. Hanacek's 4th/5th grade class

MILK AND COOKIES EVENT THANKS

Rachael and I would like to thank all of you coming to the Milk and Cookies program! It would not have been as much fun if all of you and your kids did not come. It was a great time seeing families all together in our classroom. Thank you again, and thank you for entrusting us with your amazing kids.

Sincerely,
Miss Kaela R.

DATES TO KNOW

March (all month!)

4th-5th Mission Project in Class Weekly (*don't miss a Sunday*)

March 19th Spaghetti Dinner

April 2nd Bring a FRIEND to Sunday School Event!

April 9th Palm Sunday Parade and Eggstravaganza

April 30th Confirmation Sunday

June 4th Graduation/Youth Sunday

Save the Date!
VBS

JUNE 19TH—23RD
PRESCHOOL—5TH GRADE:
AM & PM sessions at St. Ladislas
YOUTH ALL DAY at St. Ladislas
Watch for registration link!



We are always in need of volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School! Volunteer to save money on registration or just because you want to! We need both part-time and full-time volunteers for the week! Please contact Carol Ryan at cryan@westlakeumc.org



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 31st.

YOUTH!

... Have you heard?

30 HOUR FAMINE: Thank You!

From all the youth at WUMC, we would like to thank the congregation for supporting the 30 Hour Famine this year. It means a lot, not only to us, but to the children fed by the money raised. Your donations are a small but worthy step towards eliminating hunger throughout our world. Thank you!

THE SPAGHETTI DINNER will support the Youth Mission Trip this summer! We will be going to Camp Mechwana in July to work with the community of rural Maine, as well as repair the camp, which serves all kinds of kids and families.

MARCH YOUTH SCHEDULE

5 Regular Youth (5-8)

12 Regular Youth (5-8)

19 Spaghetti Dinner. Come to help, come to eat! Just don't miss it!

26 Regular Youth (5-8)

APRIL 2 Regular Youth (5-8)



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

CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



WITH SYMPATHY

Shirley Johnston, longtime member of WUMC, passed away on February 11th. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Sunday, March 5th, at 3:30 p.m. with visitation with family beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Westlake UMC.

Alice Tyrone, wife of Chuck, passed away Sunday, February 26th. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at 10:00 a.m. at Westlake UMC.



THANK YOU!

Dear Westlake UMC family,

Many thanks for the outpouring of love, support and condolences on the death of our dad/grandfather, Robert St. Leger. We could feel your prayers wrapping around our family as he journeyed from this life to the next. We are grateful for all the ways you shower the love of Christ into the difficult places of life and are walking with us through this time of grief. You are a blessing!

Ellie, Jerry, Will & Elizabeth Peiffer

WUMC—We get many thanks for the holiday cookies made for some of our older or ill members. This is just one:

Dear WUMC Bakers,

In the six years I've lived at Wesleyan Village, I've come to look forward to the delicious home-baked cookies that have arrived each year. Even my daughter from Maine who visits each year looks forward to your generous remembrance.

Thanks!

Karen Drasler

Q: Where is the January Income Statement?

A: The Finance Committee was unable to meet in February, so approval for the reported data was delayed. The April *Messenger* will contain both January and February financials for your review. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Ways to Contribute to the General Operating fund of Westlake UMC:



CASH/CHECK on Sunday



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



ONLINE GIVING: Use your credit card via our website at 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.

WUMC Library Corner

WUMC is grateful to the following members of the congregation for their recent donations of Celebration Books:

Deb & Scott Kremer

Lynne Wolf

Rainee N. Simons



Thank you for your gifts!

Please stop by the library if you would like to sponsor a Celebration Book to commemorate a special person or occasion and to check out our new book and video selections!

PRAYING WITH MANDALAS

A Workshop for Adults & Families @ Westlake UMC

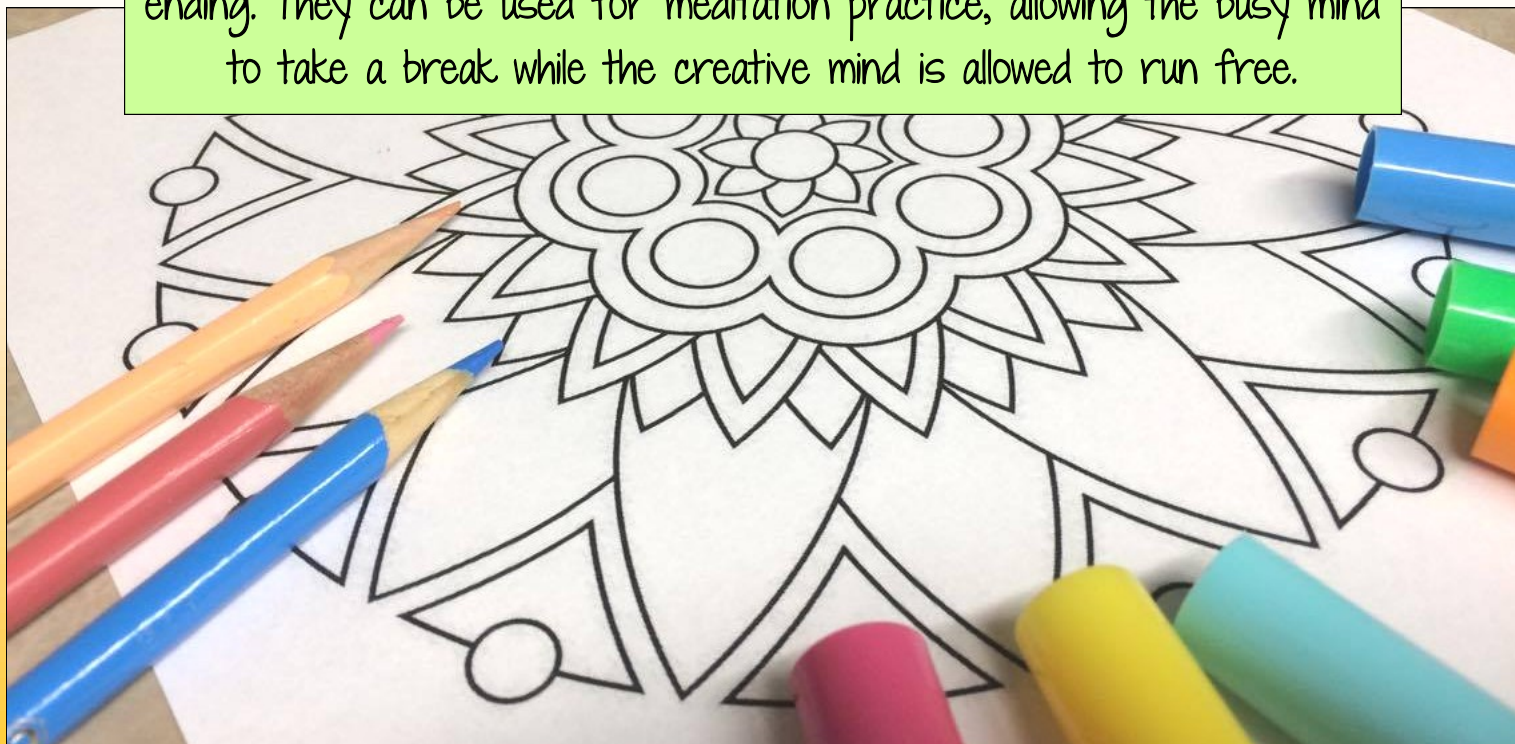
SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2-4 P.M.

A free workshop with Rev. Sharon Seyfarth Garner, Director and Founder of Belly of the Whale Spiritual Direction & Retreat Ministries, who will be guiding us through a tangible experience of prayer with **contemplative coloring of mandalas**.

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

Register via the [link](#) available on our website. 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. **Questions? Please contact Gretty Myers.**

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.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the WUMC Youth

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH

A night of great food & musical entertainment
by... (and with...) the Westlake UMC Youth!



Intimate Seating

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Family Style Seating*

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

(* with musical entertainment)

Tickets are available
in church office, at the
Youth Table 3/12, 3/19,
or at the door.



MARCH 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>5 Shirley Johnston Memorial Service 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>9am & 11am Mission Trip Meeting (Library)</p> <p>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100)</p> <p>7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (105)</p> <p>7pm Caregivers Group (100 & 107)</p> <p>7pm Leadership Council (205)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH)</p> <p>7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>12pm Purl Girls (100)</p> <p>1 pm Parish Nurse Available</p> <p>1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)</p> <p>7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)</p> <p>7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanct)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 am Bible Study (205)</p> <p>10am CWRU (107)</p> <p>10am UMW Board Mtg (105)</p> <p>5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)</p> <p>6:15pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm CC — DL (205)</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:30—6pm Theater Group (FH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Alice Tyrone Memorial Service 10 a.m.</p> <p>6:30pm ChristCare — J/L. K.</p>
<p>12 Praying with Mandalas 2 p.m.</p> <p>5pm Bible Study (107)</p> <p>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</p> <p>Distric 500s</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100)</p> <p>12:30pm Games N Such (FH)</p> <p>7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205)</p> <p>7pm Trustees (105)</p> <p>7pm Stephen Ministry (107)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH)</p> <p>7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12pm Purl Girls (100)</p> <p>1 pm Parish Nurse Available</p> <p>1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)</p> <p>7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)</p> <p>MESSANGER DEADLINE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 am Bible Study (205)</p> <p>10am CWRU (107)</p> <p>10:30am UMW Gen. Mtg (FH)</p> <p>5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)</p> <p>6:15pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm CC — DL (205)</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2:30—6pm Theater Group (FH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm ChristCare — J/L. K.</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>10:00 a.m./11:28 a.m. Stephen Ministry Commissioning</p> <p>5pm Bible Study (107)</p> <p>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100)</p> <p>7pm ChristCare-G/J/L (205)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH)</p> <p>7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12pm Purl Girls (100)</p> <p>1 pm Parish Nurse Available</p> <p>1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)</p> <p>7 pm ChristCare-GM (100/7)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 am Bible Study (205)</p> <p>5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)</p> <p>6:15pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm CC — DL (205)</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Family Mission Trip</p> <p>2:30—6pm Theater Group (FH)</p>	

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