

# 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

### “TRANSITIONS”

As we enter the month of June, I cannot help but think about the many transitions that traditionally occur during these weeks of early summer. For our children and youth, June brings the end of another school year and the much-anticipated beginning of their vacation. It also marks their transition from one grade to the next. It may bring a move to a new school. For some of our youth, June marks that transition from high school to college or into the workforce. On June 4 we will be celebrating the ministry of our youth as they lead us in worship. We will recognize those youth who are transitioning out of their high school years as we honor our graduates. I hope you will be able to join us on this very important Sunday.

In the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, June also brings clergy transitions. This June brings the retirement of a clergywoman who is dear to many of us at Westlake UMC. Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb has announced her retirement effective June 30. A Celebration of Retirement worship service will be held on Monday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside. Bishop Tracy S. Malone will offer reflections.

Our congregation has been invited to a reception to celebrate the ministry of Rev. Judy which will be held at 703 Oak Avenue after the retirement service.

June also brings a transition within the staff at Westlake UMC. Mikayla Kovacik will be joining us during the summer as a pastoral intern. Mikayla is a graduate of the University of Mount Union with a double major in Religious Studies and Music. She is transitioning into her second year of seminary at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Mikayla is joining us through the young clergy intern program of the East Ohio Conference. Her first Sunday with us will be June 4. Throughout this summer, she will be assisting in many different aspects of the life of the church as she integrates her theological education into the practice of ministry in the local church.

Of course, transitions in our lives are not limited to June, nor are they limited to school and work changes. Transitions occur in our personal lives, in our spiritual lives, and throughout our lives. Some transitions are filled with joy and excitement, while others may find us being overwhelmed with sadness and grief. Thankfully, we do not journey through any of the transitions of life

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### HONORING REVEREND MOLLIE GORDON BROWN

## *Service of Ordination & Celebratory Reception*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH AT 7:30PM

HOOVER AUDITORIUM, W 3RD ST, LAKESIDE MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT 343 MAPLE STREET, LAKESIDE

Please join us as Rev. Mollie is ordained as an Elder in full connection with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church! The reception afterwards will be held at the Lakeside home of Rev. Don and Mary Lou Lefelar, 343 Maple St. We anticipate that the ordination service will conclude around 9 p.m. Questions, please contact Elaine Hermetet. There is no admission charge to Lakeside during conference week. Car pools leaving from the church and from Wesleyan Meadows in Sheffield Village are being organized. Transportation within Lakeside can be arranged as well if needed. See the signup sheet in the lobby or contact Gretty Myers.

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

**PASTORAL REFLECTIONS (CONT'D)**

alone. Scripture promises us that God is with us at all times, including times filled with change.

Thank you to all of you who have been joining me on Monday and Tuesday mornings at the Great Northern and Westlake Panera locations to chat. I have found these conversations to be very powerful times of sharing. I invite you to stop in and talk with me about the

transitions you have experienced in your life. It is my prayer that God will break through in new and exciting ways in your life as you reach out to Jesus to receive His peace during all the transitions of your life.

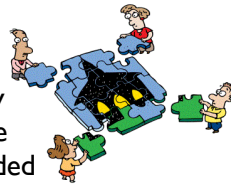
In Christ,

*Pastor Mellie*

**NEWS, SMALL GROUPS, & SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**Trustee Corner**

The past few months have been very busy for your WUMC Trustees! We finished off 2016 with a much-needed lighting retrofit in the lower Ed Wing and some offices. During Lent, the Library and lower Ed Wing classrooms got new modular carpeting, hooray! Painting of Fellowship Hall, the main stairwell, and classrooms commenced, with ongoing painting in the Ed Wing. Many other small but important tasks have been taking place in the background to keep the building in good working order, and to improve our efficiency and environmental impact.



As part of our ongoing effort to make the best use of our church home to support the WUMC mission and vision, Trustees have developed a strategy to create a men's restroom on the main level. Now half of our church family won't need to 'hold it' until getting downstairs! We will simultaneously create an ADA compliant family restroom and spruce up the existing women's restroom to make our church more welcoming, accommodating, and accessible. You can preview the project drawings here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h4a9ut7ip5gxm9/AABAaoYT97enloTBNwGJSica?dl=0>

Trustees are also working closely with the Memorials Team to improve our maple garden in the front lawn. The walking area will be improved with engravable pavers, and will link the sidewalks for better circulation while also creating spots for rest and reflection in the shade. More info on this to come very soon!

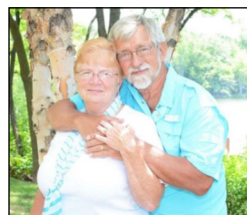
Did you know:

- Our annual budget for gas and electricity is \$21,600! That's an average of \$1,800 per month! We are investing in high-efficiency mechanical and lighting equipment each year in an effort to control this expense.

- Our gardens required 21 cubic yards of mulch in 2016 and 14 cubic yards in 2017! Many thanks to everyone who volunteers to maintain garden beds around our property.
- Trustees periodically review each service contract associated with the church property. This includes insurance, snow removal, lawn care, mechanical, pest control, office equipment, utilities, and instrument tuning.

In faith, *Your WUMC Board of Trustees*

**Hospitality Notes**



**A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR THANK YOU TO GAIL SCHMITZ!**

The church celebrates the amazing ministry of Gail Schmitz who has been the coffee hour buyer since 2014! Gail has done the legwork to purchase the goodies we enjoy each week and she often has made specialty items for theme Sundays like homemade buffalo chicken dip for Super Bowl Sunday! If you see Gail, please extend your thanks for a job well done as she moves on to be involved in other areas of ministry. Gail will be continuing on as our volunteer Kitchen Manager and is ready to train anyone willing to take over the Coffee Hour Buyer duties.

**IMPORTANT! HOT WATER DISPENSER...**

Did you know that the commercial coffee maker in the WUMC kitchen has a hot water spigot just for dispensing cups of hot water? Perfect for making a single cup of tea or hot chocolate! **If you need a full pot of hot water, please use the filter basket designated for "H2O only" and run a cycle thru the machine into the hot water airpots.** It will make a full pot of boiling hot water in less than 7 minutes! Thank you.

## Westlake United Methodist Women ANNUAL PICNIC/POTLUCK

THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 12:00 P.M.



For several years this Potluck has been held at Wesleyan Meadows. This June, however, it will be enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall at our church. Please bring a dish to share. This event is open to anyone and a great opportunity to get acquainted with new church friends.

The 1:00 program will be a piano performance by Bob Peritch. We look forward to seeing you.

There will not be meetings in July and August. Our new year begins on September 14th. Please plan on joining us. Happy Vacation!

**REMEMBER — JUNE 8th  
POTLUCK at WESTLAKE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH!**

## All Invited to... Opening Worship of the East Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 1:30PM



Each year our church joins with the other United Methodist churches in the East Ohio area for an annual meeting at Lakeside, Ohio, where the business of the greater church is done and visions for the future are cast. It is an inspiring and uplifting experience! Join Rev. Mollie and our Lay Delegate Rep, Elaine Hermetet, for the afternoon worship and opening Business Session. The worship is a treat of music, word, and holy communion. The business session which runs from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. will give you an overview of our denomination's work. There is no charge to enter Lakeside during conference and it's just an hour drive from Westlake to the shores of Lake Erie at Lakeside.

## GET READY FOR *Cruisin' Westlake*

THIRD WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.  
JUNE 21, JULY 19, AUGUST 16, SEPTEMBER 20  
AT WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### FREE FAMILY FUN!

Mark your calendar to eat dinner with the WUMC church family as we host our first ever "Cruise-In"! This is a community event held in our parking lot that features great 50's & 60's music by our own Rich Gallo, the River Dog food truck, lots of prizes, games, a restored antique fire truck and many outstanding cars to get you into the "top down, wind in your face, good vibrations" summer mood! You can display your car or just come by to see it all. There is no admission fee so invite your friends to join us and meet the friendly people of Westlake UMC. If it rains event is cancelled. Questions, contact Bob Myers at (216) 701-2064.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO WORK THE EVENT,**  
sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/ggofNzV> or in the church lobby.

# 2017

## CRUISIN' WESTLAKE

Free Summer Fun for Everyone!  
Great Music, Games, Prizes, Food Truck &  
Lots of Awesome Cars!

Third Wednesdays of			
JUN 21	JUL 19	AUG 16	SEPT 20

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# CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS



## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

These youth made their confirmation on April 30th/May 7th: Luke Daniel Heberle, Julia Houser, Tasia Alice Kikuharu, Frances Elizabeth Marshall, Trevor Pavlus, Colten D. Rujawitz, Hannah Elaine Ryan, Caroline Lee Steel, and Michael Joshua Stenger.



## WITH SYMPATHY

**Dot Antel**, wife of the late Carl Antel, and longtime member of WUMC, passed away May 14th. A memorial service was held on May 23rd at Westlake UMC.

**Maggie Surovi**, mother of Nate Surovi, passed away May 24th

**Gena Surovi**, sister-in-law of Nate Surovi, passed away May 17th.

**Patricia Boll**, mother of Lynne Wolf, passed away May 5th.



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

New members were welcomed on April 23rd: Jill & Lee Mahar, Laura Gaul, Jeremy Gaul, and Jaclyn Kapferer-Gaul. Jeremy was also baptized that morning!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEDDING!** You are invited to the marriage ceremony of *Rev. T. Anna Magill* and *Mark Erwin* on Friday, June 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at Bay United Methodist Church. Appetizers, cake, dancing, and laughter to follow. *Your presence is your gift!*



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

## June Mission Event: FLAT ROCK HOMES SPRING CLEANOUT

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH — CARPOOL LEAVES WUMC AT 8 A.M.**



A "Spring Cleanout" team will be going to Flat Rock Homes, 7353 COUNTY ROAD 29 FLAT ROCK, OH 44828, on June 9th to clean out another old building. 10 to 16 volunteers would make the work go fast! If you would like to carpool meet at WUMC at 8:00 a.m. We plan to leave Flat Rock no later than 2 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch, beverage, and work gloves if you have a favorite pair. Sign up on the lobby bulletin board. To volunteer or with questions: Harry Askin (440) 835-0867.

# 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, JUNE 5TH 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 Gretty Myers, WUMC Stephen Leader. Please contact Gretty to participate or to volunteer at (216) 701-2067 or email to grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net.



## Parish Nurse News

Kathy Tafuri, our WUMC Volunteer Parish Nurse, offers free blood pressure screenings most Sundays **after** the 10:00 service. Kathy is also available most Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. to address your health concerns, plus offer free blood pressure screenings. Walkers, canes, crutches, orthotic assistive devices available to borrow on request. You can reach her via the church office (440) 871-3088 x17, or email [ktafuri@westlakeumc.org](mailto:ktafuri@westlakeumc.org).

## Medicare News

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

### Marketplace Coverage and Medicare.....

Today I would like to bring to your attention that CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) is offering **equitable relief** to certain Medicare beneficiaries who did not enroll timely for Medicare Part B.

**The equitable relief...** will waive the late penalty and wait times for enrollment. The offer ends in September. This offer is available to current Medicare beneficiaries with Medicare Part A and Marketplace coverage, AND declined Medicare Part B. It is also available to individuals who were previously dually enrolled in Medicare Part A and had Marketplace coverage; subsequently enrolled in B and incurred a late enrollment penalty.

### So, why is CMS offering equitable relief?

**Because if you have Medicare and Marketplace coverage...** Medicare Part A meets the legal requirement for minimum essential coverage and if individuals with Medicare Part A remain on the Marketplace (considered dually enrolled) they are **not eligible to receive premium and cost-sharing assistance**. These individuals may have to pay back their advanced payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) when they file their tax return.

### TIME TO UPDATE YOUR COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES!

Please fill out the short online survey or paper insert you'll find in the bulletin to insure you are receiving timely information from the church. Don't be left out of the many meaningful things happening through the church — this newsletter, Friday reminders, death notices, special events, and/or important announcements!

## CHRISTIAN ED



## From the Desk of Christian Ed

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

### END-OF-YEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS — JUNE 11TH!

The kids are now the world's greatest party planners. Their ideas will come to life as we celebrate the school year ending, our more mature love for Jesus, and the possibilities summer brings! Please watch your email for supply and help requests! If you do not have a child participating in Sunday school but would like to volunteer for this event, please contact us!

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 18 – SEPTEMBER 3

WUMC nursery operations and our BEE-LIEVERS' preschool class does not change during the summer months.

Summer F.I.S.H. School returns (Friends in Serving Him) on June 18<sup>th</sup>. This combine ages class is open to all **incoming first through fourth graders**. Fishers should follow the teacher from the sanctuary to room 103. During the 10:00 AM worship service, this occurs following the Children's message. For the 11:28 AM worship service, children's departure will be announced following the rocking core of the musical celebration. Friends entering eight grade and above may contact Mrs. Ryan about volunteer opportunities.

While our regular Sunday school teachers take a break from their classrooms, this is your opportunity to come be a helper or a co-leader! Contact Mrs. Ryan.

## YOUTH!

... Have you heard?



**June 4th** Youth/Senior Sunday, 10:00 service  
 Youth Group Start of Summer Party  
 @ Synergy Woods (12:30—4:30 p.m.)

**June 11th** HS Sunday School — Last one!

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

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

- June 4** Duane & Nickie Miller
- June 11** Children's Choir
- June 18** Monday Afternoon ChristCare Group
- June 25** Wednesday Evening ChristCare Group



**SUMMER COFFEE HOUR** Connect with old and new church friends on the East lawn after 10 a.m. service and before the 11:28 worship! Groups are still needed to fill all the summer Sundays, so if your group, family, or friends can get together to host a coffee hour, please contact Judy Gatieu, Hospitality Chairperson, at [jgateiu@friedmancorp.com](mailto:jgateiu@friedmancorp.com).

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

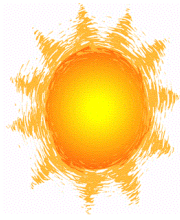


**Thank you from the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church**

WESTLAKE UMC RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF THANKS FOR GIVING FAITHFULLY  
100% TO THE APPORTIONMENT IN 2016

### INCOME STATEMENT— APRIL 2017

	April 2017	YTD 2017	2016	YTD 2016	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2017
<b>INCOME</b>						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$49,066.18	\$170,081.37	\$37,366.80	\$177,096.24	\$196,640.24	\$580,676.73
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$49,066.18</b>	<b>\$170,081.37</b>	<b>\$37,366.80</b>	<b>\$177,096.24</b>	<b>\$196,640.24</b>	<b>\$580,676.73</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.						
STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$31,475.01	\$119,663.30	\$29,379.82	\$112,858.49	\$124,310.08	\$369,580.33
OFFICE EXP.	1,031.89	3,889.81	2,169.37	7,846.48	5,433.44	16,315.40
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	369.19	1,051.76	351.61	872.42	780.00	2,720.00
FACILITIES EXP.	3,128.35	21,155.32	4,381.68	21,376.61	27,585.00	71,830.00
Subtotal Expenses	36,031.44	145,760.19	36,282.46	142,954.00	158,108.52	460,445.73
<b>MINISTRY EXPENSE</b>						
MUSIC EXP.	559.95	1,779.92	11.49	377.47	885.00	2,700.00
WORSHIP EXP.	448.16	1,231.53	617.95	2,093.49	2,953.75	8,525.00
EDUCATION EXP.	1,298.37	2,940.11	1,352.14	4,143.33	6,775.00	19,590.00
OUTREACH EXP.	345.36	730.06	952.18	2,483.43	3,016.00	7,586.00
CONNECTIONAL GIVING	6,902.08	27,608.32	5,767.67	31,796.68	27,276.64	81,830.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	9,593.92	34,289.94	8,701.43	40,894.40	40,906.39	120,231.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>45,625.36</b>	<b>180,050.13</b>	<b>44,983.89</b>	<b>183,848.40</b>	<b>199,014.91</b>	<b>580,676.73</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,440.82</b>	<b>-\$ 9,968.76</b>	<b>-\$ 7,617.09</b>	<b>-\$ 6,752.16</b>	<b>-\$ 2,374.67</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



# JUNE 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am Bible Study (205) 10am UMW Board Mtg (105) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)	2 8 am Flat Rock Homes Mission Project — Cleanup!	3 Avon School of Music Recital 11 a.m.—8 p.m.
4 <i>Youth &amp; Graduation Sunday</i> 1—3pm Builder's Club Carwash @WUMC 7pm Piano Recital - private (Sanct) Youth Group — Start of the Summer Party 12 -4:30 pm	5 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (100) 7pm Caregivers Group (100 & 107)	6 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	7 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)	8 9 am Bible Study (205) 12pm UMW Potluck (F Hall & Sanct) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)	9 8 am Flat Rock Homes Mission Project — Cleanup!	10
11 End of the Year Celebrations for Sunday School! 12:30pm Games N Such (FH) 6pm Trustees (105) 7pm Stephen Ministry (107)	12 7:00pm Missions (107) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	13 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	14 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1pm Parish Nurse Available 7:30pm Rev. Mollie ordination and celebration (Lakeside)	15 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) Messenger Deadline	16 6:30—8:30 p.m. Music Recital (private)—J. Konow	17
18 Summer Sunday School Starts! Happy Father's Day	19 7pm Finance Cmmtte (107)	20 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	21 12pm Purl Girls (100) 1pm Parish Nurse Available 7:30pm Rev. Mollie ordination and celebration (Lakeside)	22 22	23	24
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← EAST OHIO UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (@ Lakeside) →

← VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ St. Ladislav Church →

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO BLUE ROSE MISSION →

**WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF**

<b>Rev. Mollie Brown</b>	Senior Pastor: <a href="mailto:mgbrown@westlakeumc.org">mgbrown@westlakeumc.org</a>
<b>Annie Kaschube</b>	Organist, Children's Choir & Handbell Choir Director
<b>Betsy Kaiser</b>	Nursery Assistant
<b>Carol Ryan</b>	Christian Education Director
<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 Grech 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:**

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



# SAVE THE DATES!

## Special Events during EOCUMC Annual Conference at Lakeside!

**MONDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 1:30 P.M.**

Opening worship and communion celebrated by our new Bishop Tracy S. Malone.

**MONDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 7:30 P.M.**

Retirement Service for Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb, followed by a reception at the home of Vern Shepherd, 703 Oak Avenue. Please bring fond memories and best wishes!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH AT 7:30 P.M.**

Service of Ordination for our pastor, Rev. Mollie Gordon Brown, followed by a celebratory reception at the home of Don and Mary Lou Lefelar, 343 Maple Street.

**— MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR JULY & AUGUST: DUE THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH —**

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DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY



*\*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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