WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastoral Reflections "Go and Follow"

THE MESSEN

"As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him." ~Matthew 4:18-22

This passage always serves as a powerful reminder to me that all of us are called by Jesus to "come and follow." It isn't always as easy as the disciples make it look. They immediately lay aside their nets and follow Jesus without a time of discernment or even a moment to ponder their decision. When Jesus called, they went. Maybe you, like me, have found it difficult to drop everything and immediately answer Jesus' call. It isn't easy to leave our nets, or our comfort zones, and go out into unknown territory. Often, we need time to discern, to pray and to talk with those whom we trust to decide what is right for our lives.

To live so that others will become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world Serving as your pastoral intern this summer has pro-

July/August 2017

vided me with the opportunity to discern Jesus' call on my life. The Pathways to Ministry Internship Program of the East Ohio Conference was established to identify and nurture young adults who are exploring and discerning a call to ordained ministry. Being given a chance to discern my call with the support of Rev. Mollie and you, Westlake UMC, is a tremendous blessing. I am confident through this experience that I can give my "Yes!" to Jesus' call to "come and follow."

My prayer for all of you is that you hear Jesus calling "come and follow" and that you will respond, whether immediately, or after a time of discernment, or after years of ignoring the call, with a resounding "Yes!" Let's lay our nets aside and follow Jesus' call out into the world, a world that needs our love and our witness!

Thanks be to God for each and every one of you and your willingness to GO and FOLLOW!

In Christ,

Mikayla Kovacik WUMC Summer Pastoral Intern





DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

It is difficult for me to find sufficient words to express my deep appreciation for the love and support you have poured out upon me during these past two years. I want to especially thank you for the many ways you have celebrated my ordination as an elder in full connection with the East Ohio Conference. Thank you for the beautiful cards, the wonderfully delicious delicacies, and the many acts of kindness and gifts. I want to extend a special thank you to Rev. Don and Mary Lou Lefelar for opening their home at Lakeside for the reception after the ordination worship service and all who helped make that event happen. Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Dick and Liz Parks, Elaine Hermetet, Ellie Peiffer, Tricia Bowersox, Debby Patterson, and Kay Martin for the bounty of food and the beautiful buffet table. My thanks also goes out to all who helped with the preparation of the very special white clergy stole. One's ordination is a very sacred time, and all of you made it even more special by your love, support, presence, and prayers. It is an honor to be in ministry with each of you. Thank you.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mollie

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NEWS, SMALL GROUPS, & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Hospitality



Connect with old and new church friends on the East lawn after the 10am service and before 11:28! If inclement weather, coffee hour will be held in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the following groups for hosting this summer:

	July 2 July 9					
	July 16	Monday Afternoon Women's ChristCare Group				
	July 23	Monday Evening ChristCare Group				
	July 30	WUMC Chancel Choir				
August 6	Thursday Evening ChristCare Group					
August 13	Wednesday Afternoon Women's ChristCare Group					
August 20	In celebration & remembrance of Emory & Kathryn Crowder's 67th Wedding Anniversary					
August 27	In celebration of Jim & Carol Cooperider's 60th Wedding Anniversary					

Trustee Corner



Happy Summer! Our church landscape is looking beautiful, thanks to the efforts of many parishioners and to trustee Ben

Ligas' coordination and leadership. Each year, Ben checks in with the volunteers who sign up for garden plots around the church and parking lot. He schedules mulch delivery, oversees tree pruning, and provides hauling of those pruned branches to the Westlake compost facility. Ben has masterminded the felling and logging of a few large maples that were dead or dying. He also coordinates outdoor cleanup during our spring and fall workdays. If you or your family want to adopt a flower bed now or even for next year, please stop by the church office or give Ben a call at (330) 515-0062. Many thanks for each person who helps to beautify our church home!

The restroom renovation will be moving forward during the summer months, thanks largely to your contributions during our potty campaign! We continue to accept gifts towards this project, knowing that each dollar given reduces the amount we need to draw from our operating budget for facility maintenance and upkeep. At press time, our project drawings are at the City of Westlake for permit review. Once approved, our contractor will begin ordering materials, preparing submittals, and scheduling site access around our activity schedule. Our entire church family will benefit from this effort to improve our accessibility and provide a more welcoming ministry environment!

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DID YOU KNOW:

- > Our church building has a floor area of 22,800 square feet? That includes the sanctuary balcony, the upstairs Christian education office, and the ringing floor of the bell tower!
- On average, we brew between 8 and 10 gallons of coffee each week? Our hospitality team uses beans from Equal Exchange, purchased in five pound bags and ground fresh for each pot!
- The Board of Trustees is comprised of 9 members, each serving a three-year term. Each year, three trustees rotate on/off the board so that there is continuity of stewardship and representation for the church body from year to year.

In faith, Your WUMC Board of Trustees



Would you like to contribute to the Restroom Project (aka, The Potty Campaign) in honor or memory of a loved one? If so, we welcome your contribution and details of your commemoration by

contribution and details of your commemoration by **August 7th** to be printed in the September newsletter and listed in a special bulletin insert. Please contact the church office via westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org or (440) 871-3088. *Thank you!*

Summer Bible Study! Thursdays, beginning July 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Join Rev. Mollie and Mikayla, our pastoral intern, on Thursday mornings in Room 205 beginning July 6th. Together we will study Adam Hamilton's book *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet.* Come and journey through the life and faith of Moses and see what he has to teach us about our own lives and faith. We hope to see you there! For questions or more info, please contact Mikayla via email at <u>mkovacik@outlook.com</u>

Library News

WUMC is grateful to **Mary Case** for the recent donation of a **Celebration Book in honor of her grandson's graduation.** Thank you for your gift!

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!



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

JULY MONTHLY MISSION EVENT:



TWICE BLESSED FREE STORE AT NEHEMIAH MISSION Saturday, July 29th

Carpool leaves WUMC at 8:30 a.m.

WUMC will be serving by helping shoppers at the Twice Blessed Free store at Nehemiah Mission. Meet at WUMC at 8:30 a.m. to carpool, or meet up with us at 9:00 at the Twice Blessed Store (6515 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland). Sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.

AUGUST MONTHLY MISSION EVENT: FLAT ROCK HOMES SUMMER CLEANOUT Thursday, August 3rd

Carpool leaves WUMC at 8 a.m.



A "Summer Cleanout" team will be going to Flat Rock Homes, 7353 COUNTY ROAD 29 FLAT ROCK, OH 44828, 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: contact Kay Martin at kcbrightm@aol.com



e us on Facebook! Rose Mission, June 28 Want to read more? Go to westlakeumc.ora

DONATING BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO SIMPSON UMC AND GUIDESTONE



Yes, we know it seems like school just got out, but we are supporting Simpson UMC by donating backpacks for their children again this year. We would like backpacks by July 23th, as Simpson UMC will be giving them out on at the end of their VBS.

We also are donating backpacks and school supplies for Guidestone (Many Cleveland schools start 8/7!). Some items requested are- No.2 pencils, plastic rulers, Crayola crayons and/or markers, wide-ruled paper, pocket folders, glue sticks. A full list is posted on the Mission Bulletin board, copies will be available. There is a bin outside the church office for your donations.

SIMPSON UMC COMMUNITY MEAL Sunday, July 2nd & August 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Simpson UMC continues to serve a monthly community meal on the first Sunday of the month at 4:30. We would like few people to go to Simpson, join in fellowship, and help with clean up each month, you can go once or as often as you like. Simpson UMC is located at 8519 Clark Ave, about 15 minutes from WUMC.

SUMMER MISSION TEAMS

Please keep in your prayers those serving in mission as they represent WUMC as the hands and feet of Christ.

- Youth and adult chaperones are going to Methodist Camp Mechuwana in Maine, July 2-8.
- WUMC Adult Mission Trip is serving at Blue Rose Mission, June 28—July I



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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!*

The following people joined Westlake United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 25^{th:}

Mark and Gail Matthews: The Matthews have recently moved to Westlake to make it their retirement home base. **Mark** is a retired social studies teacher who loves history, and **Gail** has retired from the Delaware County Board of Elections were she served as Associate Director. They are enjoying being closer to their kids and grandkids.

Dwight Williams: Dwight is a next door neighbor of the church as he lives at Our House. Dwight served in the Navy on a destroyer and was a communication electronics specialist. He was born in Cleveland but grew up in Germany and has traveled extensively. Dwight enjoys writing and poetry.

Lois and Emily Griffin: Lois is an insurance agent with State Farm specializing in life insurance, and also an expert on Home and Auto. She works with the Robby Anderson group in North Olmsted. She enjoys cooking and working out. Lois is a widow and has 2 children... Brad, who is a recent graduate of Ohio University, and Emily. Emily attends Ohio University where she is a junior studying Civil Engineering. She is also a swim coach, private swim instructor, and assistant pool manager at Parma Heights pool. When she's out of the pool, she enjoys music, cooking with mom, and spending time at the family cottage in Linwood Park in Vermilion.

*PASTOR MOLLIE IS MEETING WITH ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH. Please stop by Panera Bread between 8 and 10 a.m. on Monday mornings in North Olmsted or Tuesday morning in Westlake, or call the church office to schedule a time to talk with her.



WITH SYMPATHY

Liisa Ackerly, daughter of Harry Askin, passed away June 1 st in Texas.

Val Dickerson, passed away June 24th. A memorial service was held on June 28th at the Bogner Funeral Home in North Ridgeville, officiated by Rev. Mollie.



BAPTISM

Zoe Johnson, daughter of Jill Johnson, was baptized on May 28th by Rev. Mollie Brown.



THANK YOU

To our WUMC family,

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your love and support during the illness and death of our daughter Liisa. We are so grateful for our church family. Faithfully,

Harry and Carol Askin

I would like to thank my WUMC family for your support during the death of my mother. This was a difficult time and I truly appreciate all of your cards, thoughts, and prayers. You are a wonderful church family. Lynne Wolf

Dear Westlake UMC,

Thank you so much for your donations and continued support throughout [the Imagine No Malaria Lemonade Stand] project. This church has had such a huge impact on me and my faith.

Love,

Molly McNamara

To all at Westlake UMC,

Thank you for a wonderful 7+ years at this welcoming and thriving church. I have made many friendships and enjoyed being a part of so many lives. I appreciate your support throughout the years both in my administrative (and operations) role and during times of need in my personal life (when my son Felix was born, when my dad passed away, and more!). You are a caring and generous church family, and I'm happy to have been a part of it! I'll keep an eye on Westlake from the North Coast District office and expect there will be a lot to smile about. Blessings, Stephanie Fries

The July—August Upper Room is now available in the lobby and the Narthex. Free will offerings gratefully accepted.

CHRISTIAN ED



From the Desk of Christian Ed

Mrs. Carol Ryan — <u>cryan@westlakeumc.org</u>

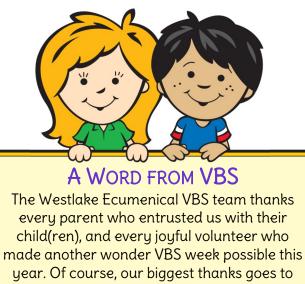
SUMMER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3RD

Through September 3rd, our summer Sunday school routine is in full swing. For children who have NOT attended kindergarten to date, your programs remain the same: Nursery, 2-3 year old class, and Bee-lievers preschool class (at 10 a.m. only). Preschoolers who are entering kinder in the fall will change Sunday school class level in the fall.

Children **entering first through fourth grade** only (or said backwards, having completed kinder, first, second . or third grade only) will be dismissed from worship to join a multi-age and amazingly fun Sunday learning program. Parents/guardians will pick such kiddos up at the conclusion of worship in Room 103.

WRITE THIS DOWN: Rally Sunday is September 10th

The theme is Jast Breathe. Stay tuned for more details when the summer winds down...



made another wonder VBS week possible this year. Of course, our biggest thanks goes to our smallest peeps. Thanks kids, youth, and teens for the laughter, song, and perspective you brought into our lives.





... Have you heard?

HS Discussions & Doughnuts will take a hiatus in July. ALL HS (including our new freshmen friends) are invited to join us at 9AM on Sunday, August 6th!

Paintball: Join us Sunday, July 16th from 11 a.m.—4 p.m. for Paintball, zip-lining and pizza! Watch your e-mail to sign up! ALL youth incoming 6th graders through this fall's Seniors are welcome!

Pioneer Water & Dry Fun Park: Sunday, August 6th. 6-12th grade welcome to slide, swim, batting cages, and more! Watch your e-mail for more information!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OUR ANNUAL BACK TO YOUTH POTLUCK AND GAMES (PARENTS INVITED!) WILL BE 5-7 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH!

Please pray for our missions team!

We will be traveling to work at Camp Mechuwana in Maine July 2nd-July 8th: Kaela Ryan Hannah Ryan Caroline Steele Alison Steele Franny Marshall Katie Thomas Tasia Kikuharu Tori Rose Dailey Levi Swisher Lisa Swisher Rachael Grech Haning

****ARE YOU A NEW 6TH GRADER**?! Please make sure to e-mail youth@westlakeumc.org to get on our e-mail list!**

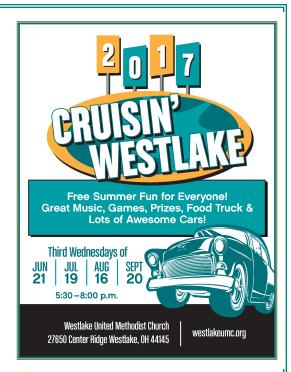
QUESTIONS? Contact Rachael Grech Haning, at youth@westlakeumc.org



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

We had a fabulous night for hosting our first car cruise and over 90 show cars were on display along with hundreds of spectators who enjoyed the live music, games, food truck, and warm and friendly sense of community! Thanks to the vision of Bob Myers following the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the hard work of the committee for making this outreach possible. We welcomed many new people onto our church grounds and are hopeful to have them return.

Mark your calendars for the next Cruisin' Westlake on **Wednesday, July 19th & August 16**th. We will need your help to continue this success. Here are ways you can be involved:



- A Invite your friends to attend and/or display their cars. Pick up flyers in the lobby.
- Sign Up for a volunteer shift we especially need set up help during the day of event: Sign Up for 7/19 at <u>http://signup.com/go/WjTkpQF</u>
 Sign Up for 8/16 at <u>http://signup.com/go/aECsCTk</u>
- A Pray that God will use this event for building up the kingdom of God.

- Questions about the event? Contact Bob Myers at (216) 701-2064 -



COMPASSION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Individual Prayer Time & Communion With Prayer Partners Sundays 9—9:30 a.m. or

Stephen Ministers are available **every Sunday morn**ing 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, July 3rd & August 7th 7:00—8:00 p.m.



Westlake 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 grettymyers@sbcglobal.net.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

INCOME STATEMENT— MAY 2017						
	May 2017	YTD 2017	2016	YTD 2016	YTD Budget	Annual Budget 2017
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$41,612.39	\$211,693.76	\$45,536.01	\$222,632.25	\$244,105.05	\$580,676.73
TOTAL INCOME	\$41,612.39	\$211,693.76	\$45,536.01	\$222,632.25	\$244,105.05	\$580,676.73
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP. STAFF PARISH EXP.	\$28,883.54	\$148,546.84	\$27,623.03	\$140,481.52	\$154,125.10	\$369,580.33
OFFICE EXP.	458.85	4,348.66	2,560.60	10,407.08	7,115.55	16,315.40
FINANCE TEAM EXP.	146.05	1,197.81	146.60	1,019.02	875.00	2,720.00
FACILITIES EXP.	5,533.21	26,688.53	4,899.14	26,275.75	31,900.00	71,830.00
Subtotal Expenses	35,021.65	180,781.84	35,229.37	178,183.37	194,015.65	460,445.73
MINISTRY EXPENSE						
MUSIC EXP.	0.00	1,779.92	200.48	577.95	1,165.00	2,700.00
WORSHIP EXP.	442.50	1,674.03	739.34	2,832.83	3,947.50	8,525.00
EDUCATION EXP.	34.77	2,974.88	1,341.25	5,484.58	8,625.00	19,590.00
OUTREACH EXP.	310.00	1,040.06	909.99	3,393.42	3,331.00	7,586.00
CONNECTIONAL GIVING	6,902.08	34,510.40	5,642.67	37,439.35	34,095.80	81,830.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	7,689.35	41,979.29	8,833.73	49,728.13	51,164.30	120,231.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,711.00	222,761.13	44,063.10	227,911.50	245,179.95	580,676.73
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Rev. Mollie Brown	Senior Pastor: mgbrown@westlakeumc.org
Annie Kaschube	Organist, Children's Choir & Handbell Choir Director
Betsy Kaiser	Nursery Assistant
Carol Ryan	Christian Education Director
Don Lefelar	Visitation Pastor
Ellie Peiffer	Small Group & Welcoming Ministries
Gretty Myers	Stephen Ministry Coordinator
Jeanette Albrecht	Nursery Assistant
Jeanne Halaby	Nursery Assistant
Jill Farkas	Custodian
Joshua Konow	Director of Adult Choir
Kathy Tafuri	Volunteer Parish Nurse
Lynne Wolf	Office Assistant
Mikayla Kovacik	Pastoral Intern
Morgan Lux	Nursery Assistant
Patti Barnes	Nursery Coordinator
Rachael Grech Han	ing 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. Diana Guyette Rev. A. Renee Jacobs Rev. Don Lefelar Rev. Dr. Richard Lehto Rev. Dr. Richard Parks





Traveling? Can't make it to church on a Sunday morning? Worship with us 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, send prayer requests, and/or make contributions online.

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- MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR SEPTEMBER: DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH -



*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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