

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

“6:10 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER”

Is 6:10 becoming a transformational time in your day? It definitely can be a powerful moment for each one of us and for our church. This practice of reading a Scripture verse and praying a threshold breakthrough prayer is the next step in our implementation of Westlake UMC’s breakthrough prayer initiative. Matthew 6:10 was chosen as our Scripture focus as it calls each of us, individually and collectively as a faith community, to focus on the will of God. “Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven” (Matthew 6:10 CEB).

The breakthrough prayer card team began their work in the early summer prayerful discerning the basis for our prayer focus. I am thankful for their tireless work in listening for God’s leading in identifying Matthew 6:10 as our Scripture focus. This verse comes from those familiar words that Jesus taught that we know as the Lord’s Prayer. These words are very powerful and are our guide as we seek to do the will of God in all that we do at Westlake UMC.

The breakthrough prayer is one that orients our entire congregation to seeking to discern where God is calling us to further God’s Kingdom. We are a congregation that is overflowing with Spirit-filled, gifted children of God. That being said, if we rely solely on our own thoughts, desires, and gifts we could miss out on being the church that God calls us to be. Over the past couple

of years, our church leadership has opened themselves to being purposeful in discerning God’s will, and I have witnessed amazing ministry occur. Open, grace-filled discussions have taken place and bold decisions have been made that continue to strengthen our ability to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This cannot happen, however, if we are not open to the leading of God. Before discussion and decision making occur, we pray for an attitude of indifference. It is not a prayer for apathy; we pray for indifference to our own will and the strength to surrender to God’s will.

In just the first few weeks of using our 6:10 prayer, we have seen members of our congregation pausing to read the Scripture verse and pray. We have begun hearing powerful testimonies on the difference the breakthrough prayer initiative is making in the lives of the faithful in this church.

It is an exciting time at WUMC. I am convinced that God is at work within us and through us to further God’s Kingdom. It is my prayer that every person will stop at 6:10 in the morning or 6:10 in the evening, or both, and pray. We can trust that God always hears the prayers of God’s children.

Praying for Breakthroughs,

Pastor Mollie

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING... PRAY WITH US AT 6:10AM OR 6:10PM!

HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED BREAKTHROUGHS? SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH REV. DON LEFELAR OR PASTOR MOLLIE.



MATTHEW 6:10 *“Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven.” (CEB)*

Almighty and Loving God,
We are thankful for the ways you are already at work in our church and in our community. Grant us eyes to see your vision for Westlake United Methodist Church and the courage to boldly follow you. Break through our human understanding so that we may further your heavenly kingdom on earth.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

NEWS, SMALL GROUPS, & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Coffee Sponsors: 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 (\$40 per Sunday) at the office prior to the week of the sponsorship or in the collection basket. Checks made payable to WUMC. **You can find Sponsorship forms on the table near the coffee at Fellowship Hour and in the lobby.**



- October 1** Rachel Amable: *In memory of her mother, Emily Amable*
- October 8** Shelley Marsh
- October 15** Bob & Shirley Peritch: *In celebration of their 64th Wedding Anniversary*
- October 22** *In honor of Leslie Kubancik's Birthday (today!) — The Peiffer Family*
- October 29** The Twigg Family



All Church TRUNK-or-TREAT Community Outreach Event

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 4—6 P.M.

The entire church is invited to help out as we open the church to little ones and their families for a safe trick or treat experience. You can decorate the trunk of your car, you can work at a game, food table or welcome table. There is a job for everyone from set up to clean up to donating candy! The purpose is to build connections with people in the community so they will feel welcome at our church.

Last year we had 400 people come to Trunk or Treat! Please think about how you can support this outreach ministry.

- Donate CANDY!
- Decorate your car's trunk - sign up in the lobby or online at: <http://signup.com/go/rObogAT>
- Serve as an onsite host / volunteer- sign up in the lobby or online at <http://signup.com/go/HRwpKAV>



QUESTIONS? Talk to Ann Henkelman, Kelly Dailey, Barry Kuenzer, or Ellie Peiffer

October is **GROUPTOBER** at WUMC!

Being in a group adds depth to your faith experience. Jesus spent time living life with his group, eating together, celebrating together, learning together, serving together and praying together. We all have an hour a week or every other week to be in community with other Christians.

So whether it's a group for singing like choir or a group for service line UMW or mission team or a ChristCare group, it's time to get in a group!

Want to get connected with a group? Click [here](#) to find out more.

Womens ChristCare Group Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics and Other Wanderers

**Wednesdays starting October 11th
at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107**

Though commonly understood as a place to be feared and avoided, the Dark Wood is the surest place to meet God. 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. According to the ancients, you don't need to be a saint or spiritual master to experience profound awakening. You don't even have to be "above average." 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.

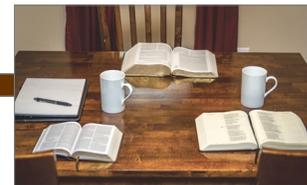
Interested in participating? Please contact Gretty Myers grettymyers@sbcglobal.net

United Methodist Women Women AND Men!



**You are invited to the
UMW Fall Luncheon
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
AT 12 NOON**

Tickets will be on sale through United Methodist Women or by calling Shirley Peritch at (440) 934-4542. Tickets are \$15 each. This fundraiser supports the many missions of the Westlake UMW. Beautiful books and puzzles will be given to everyone! Our program will be "Live Portrayals of Eight U.S. Presidents' Wives from Ohio." We look forward to seeing you there!



The Wesleyan Way: A Faith that Matters A Small Group Study at Simpson UMC

**Begins Wednesday, October 11th
at 10:30 a.m.**

Our sister church, Simpson UMC, has invited our congregation to share in learning about The Wesleyan Way. John Wesley lived nearly 300 years ago, but the Christianity he taught and practiced still captures our hearts and imaginations in the 21st century. Edgy, challenging, revolutionary, and rewarding. Wesleyan Christianity rings true to modern ears. Simpson UMC is located at 8519 Clark Avenue in Cleveland, 44102 and is an easy 20 minute ride away. Pastor Mollie is leading this 6 week DVD study. Contact the office if you would like to car pool from WUMC to Simpson UMC.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Income and Expense report that is usually reported in the *Messenger* was not available at the time of printing this newsletter. Please look for an updated report in the November *Messenger*. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office at the church.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

LOVE INC. WINTER COAT DONATION

(Love In the Name of Christ)

It's that time of the year... Time to clean out those closets and donate your new or gently worn coats and jackets to Love In the Name of Christ. (If purchasing coats please purchase XX and larger). Bring your coat to church during the first FOUR Sundays of October. The coats will be picked up, cleaned, hung in a plastic bag and given to the homeless and poor throughout Cuyahoga County. Look for the collection box in Fellowship Hall.



UMVIM SUNDAY: In recognition of UMVIM Sunday on **October 15**, we celebrate those who have participated in mission, locally, regionally, and internationally for WUMC. We have had members serve meals at West Side Community House, help at the Twice Blessed Free Store, Flat Rock Homes, Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois, Camp Mechuwana in Maine, Ecuador, and Cambodia and many more! And as important as those who go, are the people who support them through prayer, donations, and financial support. Also, there is all the mission work that is done by UMW, UMM, Christ Care groups, Sunday School classes, and individuals, like Molly McNamara for No More Malaria". The WUMC congregation is so

generous whenever there is a need, from backpacks and school supplies, to Christmas presents and flood buckets. If there is a need and are asked, the WUMC congregation responds.

CONSIDERING GETTING MORE INVOLVED? There is Team Leader training in Cleveland, at Nehemiah Mission on Saturday, November 4, 9:30-3:30, \$35. Mission team will cover the cost of Team Leader training for anyone interested. Emergence Response Training (ERT) available that day as well.

The **United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM)** movement is one of the most exciting things happening in the church today. UMVIM service options include disaster response ministries, caring ministries and overseas ministries – wherever we are invited to serve. UMVIM: Serve where invited, have a trained leader, serve with UM or UM-related agency, follow conference Safe Sanctuary guidelines.

Contact WUMC Mission Team, Jurisdictional UMVIM office or Conference Coordinators (UMVIM and Disaster Response) for information on how you can participate in UMVIM Journeys whether near or far! <http://umvimncj.org/about-us/vim-and-disaster-coordinators/>

COMPASSION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Medicare News

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

Medicare's Social Security Number Initiative

This is an initiative to prevent fraud and protect people's identity. Congress passed a law in 2015 that requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to remove Social Security numbers from all Medicare cards. This process will start in April 2018 and by April 2019 all people with Medicare will have received their new number. New beneficiaries will be the first to receive the new modernized cards, and then new cards will be issued to existing beneficiaries.

The change that is taking place, is presenting an opportunity for scammers. **WHAT TO KNOW:**

- Scammers are calling Medicare beneficiaries; asking to verify their Medicare number and requesting a payment to receive the new Medicare card.
- Medicare will never call you for your card number;

they have your number!

- There is NO COST for the new card.

WHAT TO DO: If you receive a call like this, you can report it to the Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-800-488-6070

This information was provided by the Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol, by Kristen Keckeisen

Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15th to December 7th

If you have a Medicare contracted Advantage plan or Prescription Drug plan you will be receiving a mailing from the plan by October 1st informing you of the 2018 changes to the cost and coverage. You may review the 2018 plan options during Open Enrollment.

CHRISTIAN ED AND FAMILY FUN!



From the Desk of Christian Ed

Mrs. Carol Ryan — cryan@westlakeumc.org

Parent-Teacher Conferences

As the school year launches, I find myself thinking about my kids' upcoming student-led, parent-teacher conferences. Some points in my life, it would be good if the same were required of me! With God as my Father, Christ as my teacher, and me sitting there nervous and curious about how the time would all play out.

When we think about the role of Christian Education, I am often known to make simple comparisons to world language classes or music lessons. Like Sunday School, showing up for a lesson guides us, it pushes us forward, and it can testify to our leaps in growth in our deeds and our understandings. However, the work happens at home (also during soccer practice, the car rides to and from everything, and waiting for an after-school activity to end so we can go home) through observing Mom, Dad, Guardians, Grandparents, and other adults who profess membership in the Body of Christ. If I am to conference with God and Jesus, where are my "caught being good moments"? Where are moments of missed opportunity, when an ambulance passes our car, when images of hurricane rescue workers are on tv, when a cart is left floating in a handicap spot, at 6:10 prayer time, and a day or week when my prayers and devotions go unseen or worse yet unattended.

Let's say you pick up a violin. Will 30 minutes of instruction alone without practicing prepare us for a concert? Truth is after about five weeks, and in the Ryan house this theory has occasionally been tested, your teacher may elude to giving you the heave-ho. God's Grace is Abundant! Christ is always waiting for us. There is no heave-ho to get us back into good practices. But as you head into your parent-teacher conferences, maybe you too will think to ask your parent, God our Father, to help us with our homework, our acts of faith, our life of prayer, and our faith in front of our children. Blessing for me is always knowing, I am loved. I am not expected to be perfect. There is no report card. But there is a fulfillment or peace or confidence that comes from growing closer to God.

Sunday School Substitute Teachers

Are you the awesome Aunt or Uncle who enjoys and is enjoyed by young people? Might you have wee-little folk

at home but would relish a chance to engage with children who can write, respond, and surprise you with their insights of the Bible? Do you remember a time volunteering for Sunday School or Vacation Bible School fondly? Or maybe you would just push your own faith journey forward through a little sharing time with our young Christians? Contact Carol Ryan! Learn how we support teachers, what our lessons look like, and what is expected. We always welcome parents volunteering in their own child's class but many of our best leaders come to us out of faith and understanding of their own spiritual gifts! We are always in need of substitute teachers and helpers!

Vacation Bible School

Yes, really! Save the week now, **June 18th – 22nd**. Remember kids completing 5th grade this year will head into our Middle School day camp experience.

Mini-Missions

Would you like to take your inspired idea for a mini-mission into one of our classrooms? From making cards for pastoral or Stephens' Ministry visits to Crop-Walk and even care packages, our friends of faith from 3 years of age on up are absolutely game to hear Christ's call and respond to John Wesley asking us to Do All the Good We Can!

YOUTH!



10/1: Regular Youth Group 5-8pm

10/8: Regular Youth Group 5-8pm

10/15: Missions Trip Deposit (\$75) Due

UPCOMING YOUTH MISSIONS EVENT:

10/29 -- Trunk or Treat (3-7) — Mark your calendar now and volunteer at this fantastic event!

SUMMER TRIPS:

Missions Trip: June 24th-July 1st (*Date change to not coincide with VBS! There will NOT be another date change!) Join us on a week-long trip to Puerto Rico to help rebuild the community with Youthworks Organization. All current 8th grade through Seniors are eligible. \$75 nonrefundable deposit due to Rachael 10-15 *There are limited spots available!* *Scholarships available! * See Rachael for more info!

ALIVE Music Festival: July 20-22nd (All CURRENT Youth (6-12th grade!) welcome!

CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

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.



BIRTHS

We are happy to announce the birth of **Chloe Martin Morgan** born August 28th at 2:25 p.m., 7lbs 9oz. Chloe's parents are Christy and John Morgan, and her grandparents are Bill and Kay Martin.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls during my recent illness. These brought me much comfort and solace.

Sincerely,

~Tess Stephens

Dear Westlake UMC,

I am recovering at home now with the loving care of my wife, Kay. I wish to thank all those who called and visited me with cards of well wished, thoughts, and prayers. God Bless you all with my heartfelt thanks.

~Dick Swartz



Hello friends,

Over the last fourteen months, it has been a sincere joy to get to know all of you. You have challenged me, uplifted me in Christ-like love, and helped me grow in so many ways. And because of that, this is a hard letter for me to write. I am writing to inform you that I have accepted the full time job as Director of Music Ministries at Federated Church United Church of Christ in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

I value the relationships that have grown at Westlake UMC. So, even though I will begin new employment, I consider you family and hope to remain a part of your lives. Even though time seems to pass quickly, there are moments I will cherish for a lifetime. The two large Cantata services come immediately to mind. "Lenten Sketches" was one of the most spiritually and musically moving evenings I have ever experienced. The staff at Westlake works efficiently, always with a focus on God, and openly in a way that values input from many people. That will always be appreciated.

You may ask, "why leave?" or "why now?" My hope is you've come to know me as a very passionate person and in particular - how important my lifelong spiritual and musical journey is to me. Music is worship for me and it has always been my goal to give glory to God through music. My father told me to "play music as if you're playing for God" and that has become my life's focus. Working at Westlake has been a great opportunity. The job at Federated will allow me to do so full-time, creating stability for Rebecca and I in a field (music) which often does not have stability. Chagrin Falls will also be only 15 minutes away from our home making it easier to be a more active member in the faith community. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunities Christ has allowed Rebecca and I.

The application process took a bit longer than anticipated, and for that I apologize for the timing of this decision. Rest assured, I have been open and honest with Rev. Mollie throughout the process and I will do all I can to ensure a smooth transition. We have worked out a timeline that will be conscious to the health of Westlake UMC. I encourage the choir to rally around Annie and the rest of the staff. I know you will have an excellent director to take my place in due time. Between now and my last service on October 15th, feel free to speak with me if you have any questions. I will always do anything I can to help.

With all sincerity,

Joshua Kenow



October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WHS Leadership Team park in lot <i>Emily Amabile</i> <i>Memorial Service</i> 4:00 p.m. 4:30pm — Simpson UMC Meal <i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</i>	2 12:30pm Women's ChristCare (205) 7pm Leadership Council (205) 7pm Caregivers Group	3 5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	4 12pm Purl Girls (205) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 4-9pm Joshua —Private lessons	5 9am Bible Study (205) 10 am CWRU (107) 10:00am UMW Board (105) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6 <i>Floor Waxing — F. Hall, hallways</i> 3-6pm Theater Group (106-7)	7
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Rev. Mollie Brown	Senior Pastor: mgbrown@westlakeumc.org
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Gretty Myers	Stephen Ministry Coordinator
Jeanette Albrecht	Nursery Assistant
Jeanne Halaby	Nursery Assistant
Jill Farkas	Custodian
John Rife	Interim Finance Manager
Joshua Konow	Director of Adult Choir
Kathy Tafuri	Volunteer Parish Nurse
Lynne Wolf	Office Coordinator
Morgan Lux	Nursery Assistant
Patti Barnes	Nursery Coordinator
Rachael Grech Haning	Youth Coordinator
Rich Gallo	11:28 Worship Leader
Sharon Parks	Finance Manager

WUMC Librarian: 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	



YOU CAN JOIN WESTLAKE UMC AT THE 10:00 SERVICE WITH OUR LIVE STREAMING! **

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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**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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