

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

“Letting the Light Lead You”

“Thank you, God, for reminding me to slow down and let the candle light my way.” These powerful words from the opening story in Rev. Sharon Seyfarth Garner’s new book, *Mandalas, Candles, and Prayer: A Simply Centered Advent*, remind us of the importance of slowing down and taking in the sacredness of the season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. The idea of slowing our pace as Christmas and the New Year approach sounds lovely. However, if we are honest with ourselves, we all know that our calendars become full of all kinds of events. There are special family gatherings, professional celebrations, friends who have their once-a-year party that you simply must attend, and the calendar invitations go on and on. The list of opportunities to celebrate the season, ones we look forward to and those we feel obligated to do, becomes long and com-

plicated.

Perhaps that is why my friend and colleague’s new book about “a simply centered Advent” resonated with me when we began talking about it at Annual Conference this past June. Rev. Sharon and I were sitting together at the North Coast District lunch at Lakeside, and we began a conversation about her new book which was scheduled to be released in the fall. From that moment, I felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to focus the season of Advent at the Westlake United Methodist Church centered in prayer.

Through the leadership of many staff and volunteers, Advent at WUMC will be centered on the weekly themes of hope, love, joy, and peace. These themes will be celebrated in worship, with our children, and in a special intergenerational study of the book, *Mandalas, Candles, and Prayer: A Simply Centered Advent*. We will begin at the Hanging of the Greens/

Sharon Seyfarth Garner, *Mandalas, Candles, and Prayer: A Simply Centered Advent* (Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2017), 10.

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Share the Message of Hope at Christmas

Invite Someone to Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Sunday Dec. 24th



- 11:30 a.m. Blended with Band
 - 3:00 p.m. Traditional with Special Music
 - 5:00 p.m. Family with Children’s Nativity
 - 9:00 p.m.* Traditional with Choir and Communion
- *Live streamed at westlakeumc.org

In addition to our Christmas Eve Worship, there will be one service celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent at 10 a.m. on Dec 24th. Don’t miss out on the scripture and songs marking the coming of the Prince of Peace. **Sunday, December 31** resumes the regular worship schedule with all 3 services celebrating the birth of Jesus with scripture readings and Christmas Carols.

Volunteers Needed on Christmas Eve and After!

Please consider volunteering at a Christmas Eve worship service in addition to the one you will attend. To serve as an usher, please email Duane Miller at duanemiller08@gmail.com. To serve as a greeter email Barbara Lachowicz at lachowicz28@gmail.com To help with after Christmas odds & ends, contact Ellie Peiffer at epeiffer@westlakeumc.org.

DID YOU KNOW that most people feel attending church is a meaningful part of celebrating Christmas? People are open to being invited to church at Christmas so now is the time to invite people to our Candlelight Christmas Eve worship services. See the ushers for business cards printed with our Christmas Eve worship times. Keep some in your wallet to share this holiday season!

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

News, Small Groups, & Spiritual Growth

(PASTORAL REFLECTIONS CONT'D)

Jingle Fest. Each family that joins us on that evening will receive a copy of the book. Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, and continuing through the fourth Sunday of Advent on December 24, Gretty Myers will lead a time of prayer, coloring, and Advent wreath candle lighting in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m.

Mandalas, which literally means circle in the ancient language of Sanskrit, are used for coloring. As Rev. Garner puts it, "Coloring is a tangible way to pray that engages body, mind, and spirit...Coloring takes us out of our heads and into our hearts through the use of our hands."

It is my prayer, that each of you will join Gretty on the Sunday mornings during Advent as we focus on being: centered in hope, centered in love, centered in joy, and centered in peace. December is always a busy month. Being center in prayer throughout the season of Advent can help us slow our pace a bit as we remember the real reason for the season, the birth of Jesus.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mollie

Garner, *Mandalas, Candles, and Prayer*, 13.



ALL FRIENDS OF WESTLAKE CHURCH!
...Please mark your calendars!

United Methodist Women Christmas Tea (and coffee)

Thursday, December 7th – 1:00 p.m.

Westlake United Methodist Women will present their Christmas Tea to all church members and their friends. Entertainment provided by the musical group *Steppin' Out* with a delicious reception afterwards.

This is a great way to begin the Christmas Season for Men & Women. There is No Charge.

Also, please remember to bring sox & underwear (any size) to the church from 11/19 - 12/17 and place them in the UMW basket across from the elevator, in the lobby, or bring them to the Christmas Tea.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

December 3	Gail & Jim Schmitz
December 10	Hensley family
December 17	Calvin & Sue Herrick
December 24	<i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i>
December 31	Kubancik Family



Christmas Cookie Baking

December 14 from 9 – 11:30 am

Join in a festive morning of baking & decorating Christmas cookies for shut ins and those needing a little cheer this holiday season. All bakers are invited and childcare is offered for infants and kids up to age 6. We will be working in the church kitchen and fellowship hall.

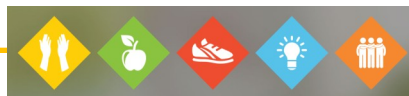
Please RSVP your attendance and let us know what you can bring. How? Easy! Three simple steps...

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/zHvUKNU>
2. Enter your email address (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots. SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Kristen Pugh at kristenpugh@yahoo.com to sign you up manually.

Please reserve you **childcare spot** by emailing Patti Barnes at goofycat5@sbcglobal.net

You can also RSVP by calling the office at (440) 871-3088.



The Daniel Plan is Coming!

Feast on Something Bigger Than A Fad

The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on the essentials of Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends. The church will be participating in the Daniel Plan in 2018. Watch for more information about this transformational and sustainable plan, rooted in the faith.



Remember or Honor a Loved One at Christmas with Poinsettia Plants and/or Seeds for Scholarship Program

Poinsettias are available for purchase to help decorate the altar for Christmas Eve. You may also contribute to the scholarship fund of WUMC in addition to, or in place of, poinsettias.

Poinsettia orders are due by December 3
Scholarship donations are due by December 17

Please use the forms in the bulletin or church lobby to designate your gift so it can be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. **Turn orders into the church office.**

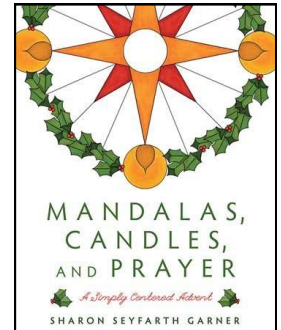
What are Seeds for Scholarships ?

Every year WUMC awards college scholarships to youth who have served and participated in our church. Wayne Asplin established the WUMC Scholarship program over 30 years ago, and the family and friends of Carl Zellers built upon this endowment in 1996. The number of active youth in our church is growing, and we want to continue to be able to nurture our youth as they go forth into the world. Your continued support of the scholarship fund is appreciated!

All Ages Advent Study

Mandalas, Candles and Prayer: A Simply Centered Advent

All ages are invited to come together as we explore the spiritual practice of coloring mandalas, lighting Advent wreath candles and practicing simple prayer. This is a devotion you can do at home during the week with your family as well as joining us on Sunday morning for reflection and encouragement.



Sundays 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM Fellowship Hall

Sunday December 3 - Centered in Hope
 Sunday December 10 - Centered in Love
 Sunday December 17 - Centered in Joy
 Sunday December 24 - Centered in Peace

Color and pray and you will experience the most meaningful gift of all — a peace that passes all understanding as we journey toward the manger together.



For more details about events and to view the church calendar, please visit our website at westlakeumc.org

Flat Rock Children's Christmas Gift Collection brings Joy to Many!

Thanks to the congregation for the amazing response to the Flat Rock Giving Tree! More than 60 gifts were donated and will brighten the holidays of the amazing children that call Flat Rock their home! Thanks to the Monday afternoon Christcare group for organizing this service project and wrapping the gifts!

About Flat Rock

*Flat Rock is a Christian based residence providing care and community services to children and adults diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To learn more about Flat Rock visit www.flatrockhomes.org



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, DECEMBER 4
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 Thurston Cosner, psychologist, 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.

Prayer Beads



God calls each one of us into a relationship with him through prayer. Christian (Anglican) prayer beads are a tactile aid to prayer as a way to connect with God. The beads become a way to deepen your prayer life by encouraging not only the mind but the body to participate in prayer. The prayers keep the mind focused and the passing of beads through the fingers keeps the body engaged in prayer.

Christian prayer beads have a great deal of symbolism woven into the design and give some structure to praying. Sets of prayer beads are available at no cost for you and others who need to be reminded that God is with us.

Stephen Ministers are available every Sunday morning in Room 203 from 9:00-9:30 and again 11:00-11:30 to help you understand the impact prayer beads can have in your prayer life. Please stop by on Sunday morning for your own set of prayer beads or a set for someone else and a brief explanation of how to use them.

We are able to make these prayer beads available with a generous donation of beads from Eleanore Lehto, handmade crosses from Alex Combs, and the creative hands of Linda Eads and Mary Saffles.

Questions? Please contact Gretty Myers at grettymyers@sbcglobal.net

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS ANNUAL WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m.
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd, Westlake

You are invited to an incredible evening of beautiful music, video tribute, labyrinth, and blessings as we remember children who have died too soon. Family and friends are invited to share in this time of healing and hope with pictures, poems, items of loving remembrances, and/or cookies to share.

The service begins at 6:30 with candle lighting at 7:00. Ashley Rudd is the featured soloist.

Mission Opportunities & Updates

Twice Blessed store at Nehemiah Mission



**Saturday, December 9
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

WUMC will be serving by helping shoppers at the Twice Blessed Free store at Nehemiah Mission. Stay until 1:00 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board to carpool. **Bring a friend!** 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).

Any donations for Twice Blessed can be left in the large wooden box in Fellowship Hall. Clean (currently winter only) clothes, kitchen items, *toiletries/personal care items are always needed. Donation receipts available in the box.

*If you have a big load, Items can be delivered directly to Rocky River UMC
19414 Detroit Road, Rocky River
(440) 331-7676*

Reminder SIMPSON UMC COMMUNITY MEAL

**Sunday, December 3
4:30 p.m.**

Simpson UMC serves a monthly community meal on the first Sunday of the month at 4:30. Please consider joining them in fellowship. Simpson UMC is located at 8519 Clark Ave, about 15 minutes from WUMC.



Christmas Mission Project

Are you looking for a Christmas Mission project for you or your Christ Care group?

Make it a happy Christmas for many by purchasing items for Westside Community House from their Christmas Wish List below. Please put donations of new, unwrapped items in bags marked for Gretty Meyers. **Drop off items to WUMC by Wednesday, December 6.** (Gretty will make the delivery to West Side Community House.)

Only NEW UNWRAPPED items will be accepted.



Christmas Wish List

Infants & Toddlers		Children	
Baby supplies Bibs Blankets Bottles Car Seats Child Carriers Cribs Diaper Bags	Layettes Mobiles Newborn Tub Rattles Teethers Shoes Sleep Sack Strollers	Action Figures Blocks Board Games Bop It! Coloring Books Dolls Hot Wheels	Jewelry Making Kits Lego's Littlest Pet Shops Matchbox Cars Nerf Balls, etc. Polly Pockets Silly Bandz
Teen Girls		Teen Boys	
Blow Dryers Body Sprays Chapstick Flat Irons Hair Clips, etc. Headbands	Hoodies Lip Gloss Lotions MP3 Player Nail Polish Pony Tail Holders	Basketball Football ID Wallet Live Strong Bracelet MP3 Player	Necklace Keychain Skull Caps Sports Caps Sports Hoodies Sports Sweatshirt
Seniors		Winterwear for ALL Ages	
Boxes of Greeting Cards w/Stamps Bath and Body (Colognes, Lotions, etc.) Flannel Shirts (XL and XX needed) Grocery Store Gift Cards (Dave's, WalMart, Giant Eagle) Purses Slippers Wall Calendars Wallets Word Search Books		Boots Coats Flannel Shirts Gloves Hats Mittens Scarves Socks Sweaters Sweatshirts Thermal Underwear (Some XL and XX sizes needed.)	

Christian Ed & Family Events

Sunday School News

Thanks to all who helped say a festive farewell to Mrs. Carol Ryan on November 12 with flowers, thumbprints, whipped cream, and a lot of love.

While WUMC is looking for a new Christian Education director, please support Patti Barnes as she takes up scheduling the teachers. Questions about teaching dates, or need for changes to goofycat5@sbcglobal.net (Patti Barnes). *We are currently looking for a few more adult teachers, please let Patti know if you can help out.*

Kay Martin will be preparing and distributing lessons, and setting up classrooms. This period with Kay is also a great time to share what you like or do not like about current or past curriculum, etc. She can be contacted at faithformation@westlakeumc.org

CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE MORNING WORSHIP

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve morning, all school aged children are invited to worship in the sanctuary with their families. Our nursery and preschool classes will meet as usual.

Christmas Eve Family Service

It takes many hands to make the 5:00 Family Christmas Eve service such a meaningful experience every year. Please consider being a part of this special service. The parts, from sheep to shepherds, to Holy family and adult helpers, along with rehearsals will be announced as soon as possible.



Sunday School Advent Mission Offering

During Advent we will be sharing our abundance by giving an offering to support our upcoming Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) event in February. It only costs \$0.29 cents for each meal packed. Buckets will be in each classroom for the children's Sunday offering. **We are looking to pack 20,000 meals, let's get off to a good start!**

Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars and
invite a friend!

The choir will be singing a cantata titled 'An Evening in December' during the 10:00 worship service on December 17. May this cantata give you a new glimpse of Emmanuel, God with Us, and fill your heart with a new song of thankfulness and praise!

Sunday, December 17 — During the 10:00 a.m. worship service





CHILDRENS CHOIR

Mark your calendars! Children's choir will be participating during the 10:00 worship service each week during Advent for the lighting of the Advent wreath. We will have our annual 'Happy Birthday Jesus!' party during our normal rehearsal time on Dec. 17. (No rehearsal on Dec. 24).

We will also sing during the 5:00 Christmas Eve worship service.

Sing with joy! Christ was born!

ATTENTION YOUTH!

... Have you heard?

Thank You WUMC for a Great Spud Night Paint Party Fundraiser!

The Spuds and fixings were terrific, the Youth served us with grace and style as the inter-generational family gathered Sunday, Nov 12 for the Youth annual potato dinner fundraiser. We discovered the artistic side of many people as they played with paint and created one of a kind seasonal door hangers. Best of all, the money raised will fund the Youth Summer Mission Trip!!



SCHEDULE:

Dec. 3rd: Doughnuts & Discussions, Confirmation,
Regular Youth (5-8)

Dec. 10th: College Care Package Packing Night!**
(6th-12th Grades 5-7pm)

Dec. 17th: Youth Group Christmas Party
(6-12th Grades 5-7pm) *Bring a side dish and a wrapped White Elephant Gift to share!*
(\$5 limit on White Elephant Gift Please)

Dec. 24th/Dec. 31st: No Youth Activities (morning or evening) See you on the 7th of January!

College Care Package Collections

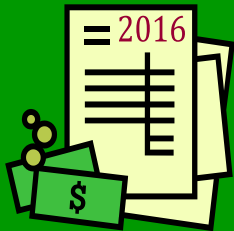
All youth should bring in items to pack in our annual December missions - care packages for our local college students. Bring in candy, gum, fun office supplies, snacks, or fun little items that will fit in a shoebox! Please make sure anything you bring in is individually wrapped so we can spread the love around to all 30 or so college students! Each item will count as a point — *winning grades (middle or high) will get first lineup at dinner for the ENTIRE MONTH of January!!!*

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

Financial Information

Year End Giving

While we are in the season of giving and receiving gifts in recognition of God's goodness and blessings, you may want to consider an above and beyond gift to the church. The WUMC Legacy Gifts are managed by the East Ohio Foundation until such time as they are needed to support building, mission, scholarship, or library expenditures that are in excess of our operating budget. Over the years, legacy gifts have played an important role in establishing, sustaining and growing the physical infrastructure and missional outreach of the church. If you have questions about how to give a Legacy Gift, please contact John Rife, Legacy Giving Team Chair, or Raphe Neapolitan, Finance Manager.



Reminder from the Financial Manager's Office:
 Donations intended to be credited to 2017 may be made in the offering on Sunday, December 31, 2017 or **MUST** be received in the church office by 1:00pm that day. Any questions, please contact Raphe Neapolitan at (440)-871-3088 x12 or rneapolitan@westlakeumc.org

Westlake United Methodist Church
Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)
 OPERATING FUND 01, October 2017

	Current Period	Year to Date	Prior Year YTD	Prior Year	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$42,180.81	\$403,244.44	\$37,112.87	\$426,378.48	\$478,549.10	\$580,676.73
TOTAL INCOME	42,180.81	403,244.44	37,112.87	426,378.48	478,549.10	580,676.73
EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE						
STAFF PARISH EXPENSE	\$27,646.46	\$273,435.39	\$26,521.78	\$271,814.02	\$308,000.20	\$369,580.33
OFFICE EXPENSE	769.41	8,883.11	1,511.84	19,148.00	13,617.80	16,317.40
FINANCE TEAM EXPENSE	439.44	2,547.98	437.70	2,488.70	2,330.00	2,720.00
FACILITIES EXPENSE	4,567.16	49,260.26	4,523.53	48,771.08	59,430.00	72,670.00
Subtotal Expenses	33,422.47	334,126.74	32,994.85	342,221.80	383,378.00	461,287.73
MINISTRY EXPENSE						
MUSIC EXPENSE	189.20	2,371.85	0.00	711.33	2,195.00	2,700.00
WORSHIP EXPENSE	514.95	2,943.05	594.45	5,849.53	7,251.25	8,525.00
EDUCATION EXPENSE	1,346.24	9,761.19	1,094.95	10,878.03	17,677.34	20,640.00
OUTREACH EXPENSE	420.26	1,833.57	287.33	5,065.15	6,236.00	7,586.00
CONNECTIONAL GIVING	6,902.08	70,943.05	5,642.67	65,652.70	68,191.60	81,830.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	9,372.73	87,852.71	7,619.40	88,156.74	101,551.19	121,281.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,795.20	421,979.45	40,614.25	430,378.54	484,929.19	582,568.73
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	-\$614.39	-\$18,735.01	-\$3,501.38	-\$4,000.06	-\$6,380.09	-\$1,892.00

Church Family Focus

Welcome New Members!

We had 5 new members join the church in November. Please make a point of getting to know these new people and welcoming them warmly into the community of faith:

Vicki Heinemann
Amy Sonoda
Gerri Tommer

Carole Heppner
Devona Simone

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.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the members of Westlake UMC for the many cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy, in the death of my sister Mildred Williams. It was very comforting to me and greatly appreciated.

Betty Levis

With Sympathy

Howard F Andrews, father of Lynn and Bernard Andrews passed away on October 21st. A memorial service to celebrate his life was officiated by Rev. Mollie Brown on November 4th.

David R Belzer, brother of Donn Belzer passed away on November 4th. A memorial service to celebrate his life was officiated by Rev. Mollie Brown on November 7th.

Lois JoAnn Parks, mother of Sharon Parks, passed away on November 6th. A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on November 10th.

6:10 Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Looking Forward and Waiting in Faith and Hope



What are you looking for?

The season of Advent is one of anticipation, of waiting for something good. Have you asked yourself honestly what are the things you are waiting for? What are you looking forward to with great anticipation? Maybe it's a new car in the driveway or a home remodeling project? When we make a big purchase or big change we start looking...researching on the internet, talking to experts and friends, and visiting show-rooms. We invest time and attention as we wait and prepare.

Spiritually, it's the same. We know that Jesus's coming at Christmas is Emmanuel...God with us! As we anticipate this wondrously good spiritual reality, we begin to look for God's presence in our lives, we "research" by talking with others; participating in small groups, and sharing devotions. We attend worship to praise and know God. We prepare our hearts with prayer and service to others. We have faith that God is at work and the miracle of Christmas, Christ, is born to us.

As a church we continue to pray each day at 6:10am or pm, with the purpose of opening ourselves and our church to the heart and mind of God. We have already seen some early fruit as God brings new people into our family of faith and positions our church to minister to the community. Please continue to pray. It takes less than a minute to call God's blessing upon our church and has an eternal impact. This 1 minute a day can change darkness into light. Let's bear these spiritual truths in mind; that nothing is impossible to God (remember it was a virgin that gave birth to Christ) and that God works in God's own timing. Our job is to pray and to have faith, to wait and watch, and to continue to shine the light of Jesus' love into a broken world.

May 6:10 be a blessed and sacred time for you this winter.



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

We are One in Christ
UMCprays.org • A UMC Prayer Community

Conversations On A Way Forward Are Announced *Sign Up Now to Participate*

The **Commission on a Way Forward** was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination, and possible revision, of every paragraph of *The Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality, and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

The East Ohio Conference is holding opportunities for clergy and lay people to participate in intentional, meaningful dialogue to discern together how we might strengthen and maintain the unity of The United Methodist Church and find a way forward through the present impasse related to human sexuality. These opportunities are called "**Conversations On A Way Forward**".

While there are 6 Conversation groups being held, the closest one is Lakewood UMC on **Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 from 6-9pm**. Seating is limited and you must preregister online at:

<https://eocumcnews.com/2017/09/18/conversations-on-a-way-forward-invite-dialogue-on-the-unity-of-the-church/amp/>

For a week in early August, the congregation engaged in "Praying Our Way Forward". Now we are invited and encouraged to continue the sacred work of opening ourselves to hear God & follow Jesus in these Conversations. Please sign up today!

For more information on the Commission on the Way Forward, please [click here](#) for the letter from our Bishop Tracy S. Malone that includes links to the Commission's Interim Report. A copy is also in the church lobby.



**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.

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



December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p> First Sunday of Advent</p> <p><i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:30 pm ChristCare-EP (205) 7:30pm ChristCare-GJL (105) 7pm Caregiver's Support Group (100 & 107) 7pm Leadership Council (205)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:30am Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (107)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 pm UMW Christmas Tea 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 7 pm ChristCare-DL (107) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12-9pm WECPTA Cookies with Santa (FH/Classrooms)</p>	2
<p>10</p> <p><i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m.</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 12:30 pm ChristCare-EP (offsite) 7 pm Stephen Ministry (100 & 107) 7 pm Trustees (105)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 7:00 pm Mission Team (107)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:30am Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 2 pm ChristCare-JMc (205) 3pm Girl Scouts (FH) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (107)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9-11:30 am Christmas Cookie Baking (Kitchen/FH) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)</p>	16
<p>17</p> <p><i>10:00 am. Christmas Cantata</i></p> <p>Youth Christmas Party 5-7</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:30 pm ChristCare-EP (205) 7 pm Finance Cmmtte (105)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00 pm Oberlin Choristers (FH) 5:00 pm WSCH Comm. Meal 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:30am Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 2 pm ChristCare-JMc (205) 5:30pm Community Meal 6pm Girl Scouts (103) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (107)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)</p> <p>Messenger Deadline</p>	23
<p>24</p> <p>4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 am <i>Christmas Eve Services</i> Contemporary 11:30 am Traditional 3:00 pm Family/Blended 5:00 pm Traditional 9:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p> Church Office Closed <i>Blessed Christmas</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church Office Closed 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:30pm Purl Girls (100) 1 pm Parish Nurse Available 2 pm ChristCare-JMc (205) 7 pm ChristCare-GM (107)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10 am UMW Mission Outreach (F. Hall) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)</p>	30
<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>						

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Rev. Ron Dietrich	Rev. Bob Remington
Rev. Diana Guyette	Rev. Tom Taylor
Rev. Don Lefelar	

Coming up:

12/7 UMW Christmas Tea & Coffee (p. 2)

All members and friends invited to this special free musical performance with light refreshments

12/14 Christmas Cookie Baking (p. 2)

Help make cookies for shut-ins and those needing some extra Christmas cheer!

12/17 Christmas Cantata (p. 6)

The Chancel Choir provides this special performance during our 10:00 service.

12/24 Sunday Worship (p. 1)

10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent
 11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Blended
 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family
 9:00 p.m. * Christmas Eve Traditional
 *(Live streamed at westlakeumc.org)

*** MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR JANUARY: DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH ***

DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY
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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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