

Seeds for Scholarship Program—Due Today!

Every year WUMC awards college scholarships to youth who have served and participated in our church. Donations need to be in the office no later than December 17. See the insert in your bulletin for more details. Your continued support of the scholarship fund is appreciated!



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!**

6:10 Breakthrough Prayer

Prayer Card & Video available for Advent and Epiphany

Join us as we continue to pray at either 6:10am or 6:10pm. Many in our congregation are setting their alarms for 6:10 and making this prayer a part of their daily lives. God is at work through these prayers as we lift up Westlake UMC and the community and we invite everyone to open themselves to a Divine moment in the day. Please see the ushers for a card or download it from the website: westlakeumc.org. The prayer video is available to share from the website or church Facebook page.

Share the Message of Hope at Christmas!

Please keep our Christmas Eve Worship card in your wallet this season to invite others to worship with us on Sunday, December 24:

- **10am— 4th Sunday of Advent ***
- **11:30 a.m.—Candlelight Christmas Blended with Band**
- **3:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Christmas with Special Music**
- **5:00 p.m. Family with Children's Nativity and Candlelight**
- **9:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Christmas with Choir and Communion ***

**The 10am and 9pm services will be Live streamed. All services can be viewed via close circuit TV in Fellowship Hall. Children welcomed at all services. Nursery Care offered at 10am and 3pm. Preschool class will meet at 10am.*



COMING UP....



Youth Group Christmas Party Tonight!

6-12th Grades 5-7pm

Bring: A wrapped White Elephant Gift (\$5 limit),

Girls: a dessert to share, **Boys:** a drink or side to share

(sandwich trays and chips will be provided) **Wear:** Your BEST Christmas wear! Prizes awarded for the best Holiday gear! (Ugly Christmas Sweaters and light up necklaces welcome here!)

Children's Choir

We will have our annual 'Happy Birthday Jesus!' party during our rehearsal time on Dec. 17 at 11:30.

No Rehearsal December 24th.



Sunday School News

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.



All Church Advent Study Sunday Mornings

All are invited to join in the Intergenerational Advent Study on Sunday mornings in December to continue Mandalas, Candles and Prayer.

Meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:15-9:45am.

- **December 17th Centered in Joy**
- **December 24th Centered in Peace**



Help Beautify The Altar On Sunday's While Honoring Or Remembering A Loved One.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on Sundays, please complete the information below. You may place the form & payment in the collection plate or turn into the office.

Please note that available dates will be posted in the lobby. Flowers are \$35. The office will arrange to have them ordered and delivered. Please contact the office with any questions.

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

YOUR WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 & 11:00 am	Individual Prayer Time	Room 203
9:15 - 9:45 am	All Church Advent Study	F. Hall
5-7 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party	F. Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:30 pm	ChristCare (E. Peiffer)	Room 205
7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Room 107

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 pm	Oberlin Choristers	F. Hall & Room 100
7:30 pm	11:28 Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

11:30 am	Purl Girls	Room 100
1:30 pm	Arthritis Exer.	Room 103
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 103
5:30 pm	Community Meal	F. Hall
7:00 pm	ChristCare (G. Myers)	Room 107
7:30 pm	11:28 Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:30 pm	Marijuana Anon.	Room 100
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Blue Christmas Service - Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge, Westlake - Thursday, December 21st, 7:00 pm
 This service offers special recognition of the struggles & grief many people face during this season.

VITAL STATISTICS

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Regular Offering—12/10:	\$8,276.00
Month-to-date:	\$35,901.00
Total Nov:	\$38,751.00
Capital Gifts given in 2017	\$69,280.85



CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

8:00 am – 12:30 pm Nursery Care:

Infants- 3 Years old, Room 201-2

10:00m Beeliever's Preschool, Room 201

Kinders/1st grade, Room 102

2nd – 3rd grade, Room 105

4th-5th grade, Room 107

6th-7th grade, Room 100

8th grade – Confirmation Room 205

11:28 am Childcare: 0-5 years old.....Room 201-2

K-6th grade.....Room 107

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Gr. K - 6.....Room 103

Pick-up Pre-K—5th in classrooms after worship



WHO WE ARE

OUR IDENTITY

United Methodists hold to the historic doctrines of the Christian faith. We value the intellect and modern science, while at the same time look to the Bible as the authoritative guide for faith and practice. As Methodists our passionate faith is advanced by strong convictions. Yet, we also recognize that the world is not always black and white. We are willing to ask questions, to wrestle with difficult issues, and to do so with grace and compassion. At Westlake United Methodist Church, we welcome people of all ages, races, social and economic backgrounds, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Our emphasis has been on personal faith, lived out in the world with direction and purpose.

OUR PURPOSE

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

OUR VISION

To be people who provide opportunities for community worship, spiritual growth and missionary service.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

First time visitors – we have a special gift for you, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet you personally. Please be sure to pick up this gift in the lobby or narthex before you leave today.

Live Streaming — Enjoy the worship service but cannot physically make it some Sundays due to travel or illness? Please tune in to the 10:00 service which is live streamed every Sunday via our website: westlakeumc.org

All members, friends, and visitors are invited to sign the Attendance Pad as indicated in the Order of Worship. Help us to keep our information up to date and get to know those worshipping near you.

Westlake United Methodist Church welcomes the hearing impaired. Personal listening devices are available at the entrances—or please ask an usher.

Childcare is available during morning worship services. An usher will be glad to assist you in finding the nursery.

WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome

Sunday, December 17, 2017



TODAY'S COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME SPONSOR...

Calvin & Sue Herrick

Enjoy Fellowship Time with your WUMC friends every Sunday after all services! Join us on the lower level in Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 service! *All are welcome!*



THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN.....

*In Memory of my Mother, Myongsoon Shim,
with Love, Boyung Pahls*

*In Honor of the 35th Wedding Anniversaries of
Jim & Elaine Hermetel and Tony & Bonnie DiBiasio
December 18, 1982*



INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME & COMMUNION

SUNDAYS, 9—9:30 OR 11—11:30 A.M. IN ROOM 203

Stephen Ministers are available to offer a quiet, reflective time for individual prayer and communion.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th.

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 1st.



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mollie Brown, Senior Pastor..... mgbrown@westlakeumc.org

Annie Kaschube.....Organist, Children's Choir Director,
Director of Handbells,
and Interim Chancel Choir Director

Betsy Kaiser.....Nursery Assistant

Rev. Don Lefelar.....Volunteer Visitation Pastor

Ellie Peiffer.....Small Group & Welcoming Ministries

Gretty Myers.....Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Jeanne Halaby.....Nursery Assistant

Jill Farkas.....Custodian

Kathy Tafuri.....Volunteer Parish Nurse

Kay Martin.....Interim Christian Education Director

Lynne Wolf.....Office Coordinator

Morgan Lux.....Nursery Assistant

Patti Barnes.....Nursery Coordinator

Rachael Grech.....Youth Coordinator

Rich Gallo.....11:28 Worship Leader

Raphe Neapolitan.....Finance Manager

WUMC Volunteer Librarian: *Katie Salis*

Other pastors connected to this congregation:

Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb

Rev. Ron Dietrich

Rev. Diana Guyette

Rev. Don Lefelar

Rev. Dr. Richard Lehto

Rev. Bob Remington

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