

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 that 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!

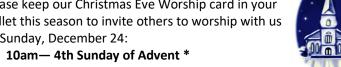
6:10 Breakthrough Prayer

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!

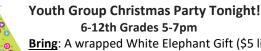
Please keep our Christmas Eve Worship card in your wallet this season to invite others to worship with us on Sunday, December 24:



- 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....



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

ChristCare (E. Peiffer) Room 205 12:30 pm 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 \$35.901.00 Month-to-date: Total Nov: \$38,751.00 \$69,280.85 Capital Gifts given in 2017



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 **a**m 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



WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mollie Brown, Senior Pastor mgbrown@westlakeumc.org
Annie KaschubeOrganist, Children's Choir Director,
Director of Handbells,
and Interim Chancel Choir Director
Betsy KaiserNursery Assistant
Rev. Don LefelarVolunteer Visitation Pastor
Ellie PeifferSmall Group & Welcoming Ministries
Gretty MyersStephen Ministry Coordinator
Jeanne HalabyNursery Assistant
Jill FarkasCustodian
Kathy TafuriVolunteer Parish Nurse
Kay MartinInterim Christian Education Director
Lynne WolfOffice Coordinator
Morgan LuxNursery Assistant
Patti BarnesNursery Coordinator
Rachael GrechYouth Coordinator
Rich Gallo11:28 Worship Leader
Raphe NeapolitanFinance 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
Rev. Tom Taylor

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 worshiping 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.



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, Boyumg Pahls

In Honor of the 35th Wedding Anniversaries of Jim & Elaine Hermetet and Jony & 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.



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