

# THE MESSENGER



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



## Pastoral Reflections

### Be Still

Since I was first appointed to Westlake UMC, I have held regular meetings with staff. As a group we gather to pray together, plan together, and share how we are faithfully working to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Each meeting begins with some type of devotion. Recently we kicked off the meeting with a time of sharing our personal anchoring Scripture verses. I have many favorite passages from the Bible. One of our staff shared a verse that has long been one of my beloved passages, Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God!"

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about this concept of being still. The concept makes sense; however, the reality is we live in a society that is filled with 24x7 constant motion. Our church is also a very busy place of worship, faith formation, and service. Indeed it has been a very busy past twelve months in the life of Westlake United Methodist Church. Many individuals have worked tirelessly to follow God's leading in meeting the strategic goals for the church that were established during last year's Charge Conference season. There will always be more work for us to do in the name of Jesus Christ. That being said, we cannot be the church God calls us to be if each of us are not caring for ourselves spiritually. "Be still, and know that I am God" is an important message for all of us.

Recently, my colleague Rev. Chip Freed tweeted, "The #1 sign that you are deteriorating spiritually is when you are satisfied where you are spiritually."<sup>1</sup> Chip's tweet is an important reminder that we can never say, "I have grown enough in my faith" or "Me and Jesus are just fine." It is easy to be pulled into the non-stop busyness of your family, your work, and yes, even in the faithful work of the church. That is why we must create the space to be fed spiritually, not just on Sundays, but every day of our lives.

There are many ways to create that space to be with God. Each of us needs to find the techniques, tools, and spiritual disciplines that work for us. Sitting in a quiet chapel is critical to my spiritual well-being. That practice may not feel authentic to you. That being said, journal writing works for others but does not routinely feed me spiritually. What works for one person does not necessarily work for another. What is important is that we find spiritual practices that draw us closer to God and use them regularly.

As I have shared before, I meet regularly with a spiritual director. It is a spiritual practice that continues to help me grow in my relationship with God. Often my spiritual director plays a sung or chanted reading of Psalm 46:10. Not too long ago she asked me to imagine that Jesus was looking directly into my eyes. Her assignment for me was to identify what I saw in Jesus' eyes as I pictured Him looking at me. I must confess, at first it felt a little uncomfortable. Over time I saw laughter, sadness, and love all

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<sup>1</sup>Freed, Chip. August 20, 2018. <https://twitter.com/>.



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### Suburban Campus

27650 Center Ridge Road • Westlake, Ohio 44145  
(440) 871-3088 • [westlakeumc.org](http://westlakeumc.org)  
Sunday Worship at 8:15, 10:00 and 11:28 a.m.



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### Simpson Metro West Campus

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Sunday Worship at 10:45 and 3:00 p.m.

## Church News

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being reflected to me. Each gaze was a reminder that our Triune God is a God of love, a God who walks with us during the challenging times of our lives, and a God who brings joy.

This month, as the busyness of a new school year begins, I invite you to think about how you can create the space in your day

to just be still with God. Invite God into every aspect of your day, and if you would like, envision what you see in Jesus' eyes as he looks into yours.

In Stillness,  
Rev. Mollie

## New Worship Services Beginning this Fall

In the weeks ahead, we will be launching three new worship services throughout our parish. All three services will be led by Rev. Paige Boyer and were approved by Leadership Council in the August meeting. These three worship services will offer non-traditional worship experiences that honor the ancient traditions of our faith, including the sharing of meals together.

### BREAD ON BRIDGE

A strategic partnership with the Nehemiah Mission for a Tuesday evening worship and meal called "Bread on Bridge." Born out of

Rev. Paige's participation in the launch of Bread on Bridge, this service is designed to build community among the diverse Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

The service meets on Tuesday evenings at Nehemiah Mission (6515 Bridge Ave.) from 5:30 until about 7 and includes a meal, worship (that will start at 6:10), time for discussion and sharing music. All are welcome and we're looking for volunteers to help with meal prep, set-up and clean-up.



### CAFÉ WORSHIP

As we continue our focus on spiritual formation, we are also adding two youth-centered worship services that will go along with the meals already included in youth group at both the Suburban and Simpson Metro West campuses. These services will offer youth a space to worship and offer some additional evening worship opportunities for the many busy families in our congregation.

The Suburban Campus youth-centered worship will be on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning on Sept. 16 and the Simpson Metro West Service will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. beginning September 19. This opportunity for intergenerational worship will allow our youth to build relationships with more members of our church community through worship, song, and discussion.

### KICK-OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

NEW LECTIONARY-BASED SERMON SERIES STARTS ON HOW JESUS CALLS US TO LIVE OUT A FAR-REACHING FAITH, *seriously!*

#### SUBURBAN CAMPUS SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. Worship  
8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
10 a.m. Worship and Sunday-School  
11:28 a.m. Worship and Sunday-School  
5 – 7 p.m. Youth Potluck

#### SIMPSON METRO WEST CAMPUS SCHEDULE

10:45 a.m. Worship at Brookside Park (3900 John Nagy Blvd)  
12 noon Kick-off Potluck with fellowship and games



# Church News & Committee Report

## Trustees Corner

Trustee business was brisk this summer. Transfer of the Simpson Metro West property is now complete and the initial project to upgrade exit and emergency lighting throughout the building is well underway. The garage roof at the Suburban Campus was replaced and lighting upgrades were made to the second floor hallway, east offices and nursery rooms of the education wing. A contract was executed for replacement of the lobby doors and mechanical systems and we anticipate fall delivery and installation.

Maintaining the church property and its many systems, and periodic replacement of worn or outdated equipment is a continuous need and your donations for capital improvements are always appreciated.

**Please contact any of the trustees with safety issues, questions and ideas.**



***The Daniel Plan 5 Essentials starts the week of September 23!***

Are you ready to continue exploring the Daniel Plan healthy lifestyle, or did you miss this amazing life changing opportunity this past spring? It's not too late to start this journey or continue walking the path to a healthy, transformed life.

There will be several options starting this September to join in a small group focusing on more of the Daniel Plan spiritual and health benefits. The sessions will meet weekly for 7 weeks, take a break during the holiday time and pick up again in Jan. for another 7 week session.

[Sign up here](#) or on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

If you have any questions please contact Gretty Myers at [grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grettypmyers@sbcglobal.net)

### SMALL GROUP MEETING OPTIONS

Sunday morning @ 11:30

Monday evening @ 7:00

Tuesday afternoon @ 4:00 OR Thursday afternoon @ 1:00 (TBD)



**SEPTEMBER 19 | 5:30 – 8 P.M.  
WUMC SUBURBAN CAMPUS**

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

*Group one volunteers*

**Site set up crew** 1:30 – 4 p.m. Need 6 – 8 people.

*Group two volunteers*

**AV stage set up crew** 2 – 4 p.m. Need 2 people.

*Group three volunteers*

**Event crew** 5 – 8 p.m. Need 14 people.

*Group four volunteers*

**Clean up crew** 8 – 8:50 p.m. Need 8 people.

Get a "Cruisin Westlake" T-shirt!

We provide on the job training!

Go to [westlakeumc.org/cruisin](http://westlakeumc.org/cruisin) for volunteer sign-up or more information.

## Coffee Time Fellowship

### AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS

Many thanks to all who support coffee hour financially throughout the programming year. Your donation supports a time to welcome guests and deepen Christian friendships.



**OUR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP IS NOT FREE**

### THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER COFFEE TIME SPONSORS:

**Sept 2** The Schmitz family

**Sept 9** Diane Ahlers

**Sept 16** Bob & Gretty Myers

**Sept 23** Raine & Joy Simons

**Sept 30** Rachel Amable

## Small Groups & Spiritual Growth

### SMALL GROUPS LEARN, GROW, PRAY, SERVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER.

Be a part of this faith deepening, friendship building, kingdom co-creating, John & Charles Wesley originating, laughter and joy inducing experience called ChristCare!

*The following groups are starting up at the Suburban Campus and are ready to welcome you:*

- Womens Group, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 1
- Womens Group, 2nd Wednesday of month at 2 p.m., next gathering is Sept. 12
- Womens Group, Wednesdays at 6 p.m., beginning Sept. 26
- Thursday Group at 7 p.m., beginning October 18

Contact [faithformation@westlakeumc.org](mailto:faithformation@westlakeumc.org) for more details.

**PURL GIRLS** knitting group will start meeting every **Wednesday, beginning September 5 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** in room 100, SC.



**MISSION OUTREACH CIRCLE** will start **September 27 10 a.m. – noon** in Fellowship Hall, SC. All are welcome.

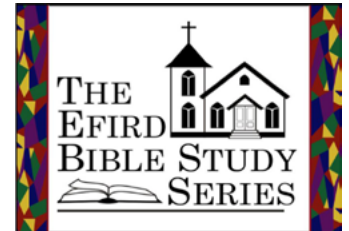
Contact Betty Levis at 440-871-8644 for more information concerning these two mission projects.

### Pastor's Bible Studies

**THURSDAYS | 9 A.M. | ROOM 205, SC**

Rev. Mollie's Thursday Morning Bible Study resumes on September 13 with a study of the **Gospel of John**.

Feel free to drop in any Thursday from 9 – 10:30 a.m. Join us as we examine the Scriptures together. Your faith will be strengthened.



**SUNDAYS | 5 P.M. | ROOM 207, SC**

Rev. Mollie will be leading a study by Rev. Dr. Mike Slaughter ***Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life*** beginning on September 16, from 5 – 6:30 p.m.



## Choir Notes



### Come Try Our Choir

Have you ever wanted to try being in the Chancel Choir for a week? We invite you to join the Chancel Choir for the first full week in September. We will gather for rehearsal with snacks and beverages afterward on **Thursday, September 6th from 7pm – 8:30pm** and will meet again on **Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 a.m. to prepare for worship at the 10:00am service.** Questions? Contact Christopher Neely at [choir@westlakeumc.org](mailto:choir@westlakeumc.org).

### SPONSOR AN ANTHEM FOR *All Saint's Sunday*

For All Saint's Sunday (November 4th) this year, the choir will be presenting several brand new anthems and are looking for sponsors who would like to dedicate the purchase of each piece in honor and memory of a loved one. Sponsored music will be marked with a dedication message. The cost for a new anthem for the choir is \$65 on average. If you are interested in this sponsorship/dedication opportunity, please contact Christopher Neely at [choir@westlakeumc.org](mailto:choir@westlakeumc.org).



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 11:30 A.M. – NOON**

This group is for children in kindergarten or older. Pre-K children may join at the director's discretion. Hope you see then!

Questions? Contact Annie Kaschube at [annie.kaschube@gmail.com](mailto:annie.kaschube@gmail.com) or 440-223-9995.



## Compassion & Congregational Care



### INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME & COMMUNION

*With Prayer Partners*

**SUNDAYS 9 – 9:30 A.M. OR  
11 – 11:30 A.M.**

**AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS**

Stephen Ministers are available every Sunday morning in Room 207 (new location) from 9 – 9:30 and also 11 – 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

*With Prayer Partners*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (DUE TO LABOR DAY) 7 – 8 P.M.**

Westlake UMC holds monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month at the Suburban Campus. 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](mailto:grettymyers@sbcglobal.net).

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM



As our wellness journey continues at WUMC, the Health and Wellness Team is planning monthly opportunities for our congregation to experience ways to incorporate healthy options into our lives. Watch for monthly wellness programs in future communications with topics like *proper use of medications and their disposal, cultivating self-awareness and mindfulness practices, local resources to connect with as we age, youth drug and alcohol concerns, easy to enter walking groups*. Please contact [grettymyers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grettymyers@sbcglobal.net) with your ideas!

### Medicare Message... FROM PATRICIA

Do you have Medicare coverage? Do you understand whether you have supplemental insurance with Medicare or if you have coverage through a private insurance. Do you have questions about how your coverage pays for services? When was the last time you reviewed your drug plan?

Perhaps you are new to Medicare this year and just are overwhelmed with all the insurance mailings you are receiving. Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, does this seem confusing?

If you would like help in understanding Medicare, please feel free to contact me on my mobile phone 440-781-1383. You may also contact the church office and ask them to contact me and have me call you.

There will be Medicare classes in September and October...the dates are being identified. Please watch for information in the weekly update.

Patricia Whited Stineman, MSIG, CSA  
OSHIP Certified Medicare Counselor  
mobile phone 440-781-1383



## NOW HIRING

## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION COORDINATOR

Westlake UMC has a job opening for a Congregational Connection Coordinator who will be responsible for connecting parishioners to meaningful service opportunities within the life of the church that complement their spiritual gifts, talents and interests and support their growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please email Ellie Peiffer at [faithformation@westlakeumc.org](mailto:faithformation@westlakeumc.org) for more information.

## Christian Education

### LECTIONARY BASED SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS THIS FALL

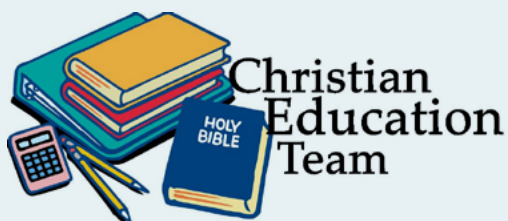
Each week our preK through 7th graders will be focusing their Sunday School learning on a passage of scripture that is from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL is built around the seasons of the Church year which reflect the life of Christ. The use of a schedule of reading through the Bible in conjunction with the church year has been in place for centuries. In 1992, a wide group of mainline churches in the U.S. and Canada came together to create the Revised Common Lectionary.

**So what does this mean for us at Westlake UMC?** Now the whole church will be hearing the same scripture and, on most Sundays, our pastors will be preaching on the same lesson the kids are learning. The intergenerational church family will be able to share their Sunday church experience in new ways!

**But will it be fun?** We've chosen Spark Lectionary for our curriculum. Sparkhouse, the publisher, has been refining their lectionary curriculum for many years and offers lots of activities to help kids relate the age old story to their world. Kids will have a framework from which to understand the story of Jesus and experience many stories of our faith as the lectionary cycles through the Bible in 3 years.

**Where in the Lectionary cycle will we start?** We are in RCL year B, in the end of the season of Pentecost. We will have many lessons of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. The church year actually ends in November with Christ The King Sunday. Then it starts over again with year C starting on the first Sunday of Advent.

**Want to read more about the RCL?**  
Go to [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu)



### NOW FORMING!

Teaching the next generation of kids about the faith concerns all of us and takes many gifts, talents and behind the scenes helps. There is a role for you on the Christian Education Team! Please contact Pastor Mollie or Ellie Peiffer at [faithformation@westlakeumc.org](mailto:faithformation@westlakeumc.org) to get involved.

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED  
YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
FOR ALL OUR GREAT FALL PROGRAMMING?**

If not, please take a moment to do that now at:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/ob8J856RTiP3tfjZ2>

### Kid's Ministry Calendar

**SEPTEMBER 2ND** – Children in worship for Communion with their families. Nursery – PreK rooms will be staffed

**SEPTEMBER 9** - Kickoff Sunday School – elementary school kids start in worship then move to classrooms

#### Where do the kids go?

| Grade                            | Classroom                                |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Nursery – infant through 3 years | Nursery room 203                         |
| Pre K                            | Room 202 – kids begin & end in classroom |
| Kindergarten & 1st Grade         | Begin in worship, Pick up in room 102*   |
| 2nd and 3rd Grade                | Begin in worship, Pick Up in room 106*   |
| 4th and 5th Grade                | Begin in worship, Pick Up in room 107    |
| 6th and 7th Grade                | Begin in worship, Pick Up in room 100    |
| 8th Grade                        | Remain in Worship                        |

\*parents must sign out kids in Nursery – 5th grade.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES HEROES AND HEROINES OF THE BIBLE ROCKED!

Our kids learned many valuable virtues from the 12 Bible Heroes we studied this summer. Many thanks to our wonderful Teachers & Helpers that volunteered their time:

Beth Diamond, Lynne Goerlich, Samantha Goerlich, Claire Hensley, Conner Hensley, Susan Hunter, Leslie Kubancik, Elizabeth Peiffer, Alison Steele, Caroline Steele, Joyce Stenger, Michael Stenger

The Christian Education Supply room is in the process of getting a clean out & makeover!

**A huge thank you** to Jane Shami and Joyce Stenger for their amazing organizational skills and the time they donated to make it happen!

## Youth

### FROM THE *Youth Pastor*

I'm so excited to begin our fall season together! I know that the big changes to youth group staffing announced this summer came as a surprise. I do, however, have great hopes and big plans for the future of the youth ministry here at Westlake UMC! One of the big changes is that we will start having a time for worship as a part of our Sunday and Wednesday evening youth group dinners. While this worship will be youth-centered, it won't be youth-exclusive—all are welcome to join us for this new evening worship experience that will be offered at both the Simpson Metro West and Suburban Campus.

The new year is also a great time to get involved with the youth group – whether you are a youth or an adult who wants to work with youth! I'm looking to build a team of adult volunteers to work with our youth and me to build relationships and deepen the faith of all involved. *Interested, even if it is just once in a while?* Contact me at [pboyer@westlakeumc.org](mailto:pboyer@westlakeumc.org).

**JOIN US FOR OUR BACK-TO-YOUTH KICK-OFF  
SEPTEMBER 9 | 5PM – 7PM  
AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS**

## Youth Fall Schedule

### SUBURBAN CAMPUS

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23 | 4 P.M.**

#### SUNDAYS

- 9 a.m. Donuts and Discussions
- 4 p.m. Confirmation (beginning October 14)
- 5 p.m. Junior high/Middle school Youth Group
- 6 p.m. Dinner and Worship
- 7 p.m. Senior High/High School Youth Group

### SIMPSON METRO WEST

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Worship
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Group

**QUESTIONS? Contact Rev. Paige at [pboyer@westlakeumc.org](mailto:pboyer@westlakeumc.org)**

## Gatherings

### SIMPSON METRO WEST POTLUCK PICNIC

**SEPTEMBER 9 | NOON**

All are invited to the Brookside Reservation of the Metroparks for the SMW annual picnic. **We will start off the day with worship at 10:45am. Lunch will be from Noon - 2:00 p.m.** Hot dogs, buns, coffee and juice are provided. Please bring a dish to share. (Side, dessert, snack, drinks) There will be children's games as well as bingo later in the day. The Brookside entrance is located off of Ridge Rd. between Denison and Memphis. Please come and join us for a day of fellowship and fun! All are welcome.

### SUBURBAN CAMPUS ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

**SEPTEMBER 9 | SERVING 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

Bring your friends and neighbors.

Breakfast Includes Belgian waffles or eggs, fruit toppings, maple syrup, sausage, and beverage (orange juice, coffee, tea, milk)

Suggested Donation \$6.00

2018 proceeds will go to West Side Community House, Flat Rock, and The Society of St. Andrew Mission Projects

Hosted by The Men's Group



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### GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – 10:30 A.M.**

Welcome, all women of the church and your friends. Our friendly group would be pleased to have you join us for our monthly meetings, lunches and programs. The meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:00 noon and program at 1:00 p.m. Usually we bring a sandwich but this September we are having a potluck. Please bring a dish-to-pass - a main dish, salad or dessert. The 1:00 p.m. program will be **"Getting Acquainted with Our New Associate Pastor,"** with Rev. Paige Boyer. Please join us!

## Mission Opportunities & Updates

### Thank You!

Many thanks to our congregation for donating backpacks and school supplies for Simpson UMC and Ohio Guidestone. We collected 54 backpacks, 62 boxes of crayons, 82 spiral notebooks, 34 packages of pencils, 60 glue sticks, and many more school supplies!

**Thanks also for all who donated to Flat Rock Homes, we raised over \$3,500!**

### THOSE FROM WUMC WHO WENT OUT IN MISSION THIS SUMMER:

**Molly and Stephanie McNamara** went to Sierra Leone to see what ten years and the \$100,000 Molly raised with Logan Martens, did in the fight against malaria.

The **youth from Simpson Metro West** went to Buffalo, NY, and the **youth from the Suburban Campus** went to West Virginia for their annual mission trips. **Five adults from the Suburban Campus** went on the second annual Adult Mission Trip to Blue Rose Mission. We also had people participate in the monthly mission event to Twice Blessed Free Store when we gave out the books collected by our 4-5 grade Sunday school class!

### SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MISSION EVENT: SIMPSON METRO WEST FOOD PANTRY

Simpson Metro West holds a food pantry for the community on the 4th Wednesday of the month (9/26). We could use help on the Monday before (9/24) from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. to unload the truck coming from the Cleveland Food Bank. Bags are packed on Tuesday, and more help is needed on Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. to help check in people and carry their bags.

(Food donations from the Suburban Campus can be placed in the bin in the lobby marked Simpson Metro West.)

### NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE ITEMS FOR SALE

Equal Exchange now carries 83% Dark Chocolate and Earl Grey Tea. Stop by the booth in fellowship hall at the Suburban Campus to see all of the many items available for purchase. Equal Exchange, is a company who assists farmers and small co-ops to get their products (coffee, tea and cacao) directly to the buyer. This way, the farmers get a fair price for their products and helps the farmers enjoy a better standard of living. Most of the co-ops are located in Central America, Israel, Haiti, as well as other countries.



### DONATIONS FOR TWICE BLESSED FREE STORE

#### LEAVE IN THE LARGE WOOD BOX IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Items needed:** In-Season Clothes (especially Men's and men's shoes), School-Age Clothes, Jackets, Coats, Shoes, New socks and underwear, Seasonal Items, Bedding, Blankets, Toys, Kids' Books, Household Items, Small Household Appliances.

*\*Due to space limitations, please avoid donating out of season items, out of season clothing, furniture or large household items.*

You can take items directly to Rocky River UMC, 19414 Detroit Rd, during office hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. M-F.

**VOLUNTEER: Mondays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** – sort and restock the store. **Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** – The store is open for shopping, jobs range from check-in and check-out, to helping shoppers, sorting and re-stocking.

*Let us know what mission work you are doing for WUMC, at Simpson Metro West or Suburban Campus. Leave info in the SC Mission mailbox or contact [mission@westlakeumc.org](mailto:mission@westlakeumc.org)*

### Community Meals



#### WUMC SIMPSON METRO WEST

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | 4:30 P.M.**

SMW serves a monthly community meal on the first Sunday of the month at 4:30. Come join in fellowship, and help with clean up. Simpson Metro West is located at 8519 Clark Ave.

#### WUMC SUBURBAN CAMPUS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 5:30 P.M.**

The Suburban Campus meal is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Sign up to help on the lobby bulletin board.

#### WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HOUSE

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 4:30 P.M.**

We will continue to provide a community meal for the parenting program at West Side Community House starting Tuesday, September 18th, and the third Tuesday of each month. We have volunteers to host and serve the meals through December. Look for the monthly meal sign up after Thanksgiving for 2019. Please consider supporting for this very worthwhile program.



# Church Family Focus



**PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD**



**We are One in Christ**

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## LISTENING POSTS OFFERED PRIOR TO SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

*By The East Ohio Conference Delegation\**

The Special Session of the General Conference, that has been called to address a way forward for The United Methodist Church on the matter of human sexuality, will be held February 23 – 26, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri.

As East Ohio delegates to this Special Session of the General Conference, we recognize the importance of the decisions that will be before us and the impact these decisions will have on each United Methodist church and member. Recognizing this, we invite you to attend and share your thoughts and concerns at one of the five scheduled listening posts that will be held throughout the East Ohio Conference.

### THE LISTENING POSTS WILL BE:

**Saturday, September 8 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
Wildare UMC

**Saturday, September 29 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
Cambridge Christ UMC

**Tuesday, October 9 | 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
New Philadelphia First UMC

**Saturday, October 20 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
Ashland First UMC

**Tuesday, November 6 | 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
Aldersgate UMC (North Coast)

We would appreciate participants registering in advance to help with our planning but registration is not required to attend the posts. You may register at [eocumc.com/gc](http://eocumc.com/gc) or [click here](#). If you're unable to attend any listening sessions, you can also email [eoc2019gcdelegation@eocumc.com](mailto:eoc2019gcdelegation@eocumc.com).

\*The East Ohio delegation is comprised of six clergy members and six lay members elected by Annual Conference.

## Thank You Note

Bob and I would also like to thank the entire church body for their cards and prayers. It is comforting to receive the love, hugs and words of support of everyone even though we have not been able to attend church in person as much as we want due to other family issues.

Sincerely,  
Lori Becker



*In Memory*

### Mary Jane Myers

*Passed away July 8th*

Mary Jane, mother of Bob Myers was a long-time member of Westlake United Methodist Church and actively participated in United Methodist Women and the Purl Girls.



### Rev. Dr. Richard Parks

*Passed away July 27th*

He was a retired Elder of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served several churches: Paradise Hill UMC, Ashland, OH; First UMC, Lisbon, OH; Ontario UMC, Ontario, OH; and Lakewood UMC, Lakewood, OH. He also served as a District Superintendent for the Steubenville District, Steubenville, OH.

Dr. Parks was a caring and loving person who touched many lives here at WUMC, as well as those of other congregations.



### Maurice Proskine

*Passed away August 13*

Maurice was a long-time member of Westlake United Methodist Church



### Andrew Fejes

*Passed away August 14*

Andy was a long-time member of the Simpson Metro West Campus and Father-in-law to Dan Bryant, Senior Pastor of Lakewood United Methodist Church.

## Financial Information

**Instead of an envelope with a check or cash on Sunday, there are two other ways you can make contributions to the General Operating Fund for Westlake UMC:**



**DIRECT DEPOSIT:** Scheduled automatic transfers from your checking account to the WUMC account. Please contact Raphe Neapolitan, Finance Manager for the form needed at [rneapolitan@westlakeumc.org](mailto:rneapolitan@westlakeumc.org)



**ONLINE GIVING:** Use your credit card via our website at [westlakeumc.org](http://westlakeumc.org). In the lower left corner of the home page you will see a button for Online Giving — near “Live Streaming” — You do not have to login to contribute, but can create profile if desired. This can be a one-time contribution or regularly scheduled contributions.

NOTE: Updated budget data for the combined church will be included in the August financial reporting in the October newsletter.

### Westlake United Methodist Church Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED) OPERATING FUND 01, July 2018

|                                  | Current Period     | Year to Date      | Prior Year YTD     | Prior Year         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                    |                    |                   |                    |                    |
| CONTRIBUTION INCOME              | \$48,868.82        | \$303,130.37      | \$38,019.09        | \$296,974.02       |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>              | <b>48,868.82</b>   | <b>303,130.37</b> | <b>38,019.09</b>   | <b>296,974.02</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                  |                    |                   |                    |                    |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE</b>    |                    |                   |                    |                    |
| STAFF PARISH EXPENSE             | \$26,616.23        | \$165,786.08      | \$27,230.14        | \$193,956.88       |
| OFFICE EXPENSE                   | 1,310.85           | 7,948.18          | 992.46             | 5,829.37           |
| FINANCE TEAM EXPENSE             | 9,018.88           | 13,114.78         | 386.01             | 1,754.62           |
| FACILITIES EXPENSE               | 7,073.85           | 56,081.64         | 3,380.95           | 32,959.91          |
| <b>Subtotal Expenses</b>         | <b>44,019.81</b>   | <b>242,930.68</b> | <b>31,989.56</b>   | <b>234,500.78</b>  |
| <b>MINISTRY EXPENSE</b>          |                    |                   |                    |                    |
| MUSIC EXPENSE                    | 0.00               | 681.39            | 46.98              | 2,226.90           |
| WORSHIP EXPENSE                  | 527.02             | 4,464.01          | 520.04             | 2,192.07           |
| EDUCATION EXPENSE                | 68.39              | 5,546.58          | 2,066.67           | 8,078.71           |
| OUTREACH EXPENSE                 | 799.07             | 3,732.57          | 159.71             | 1,465.72           |
| CONNECTIONAL GIVING              | 6,550.25           | 45,735.94         | 6,902.08           | 50,236.81          |
| <b>Subtotal Ministry Expense</b> | <b>7,944.73</b>    | <b>60,160.49</b>  | <b>9,695.48</b>    | <b>64,200.21</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>            | <b>51,964.54</b>   | <b>303,091.17</b> | <b>41,685.04</b>   | <b>298,700.99</b>  |
| <b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>    | <b>-\$3,095.72</b> | <b>\$39.20</b>    | <b>-\$3,665.95</b> | <b>-\$1,726.97</b> |



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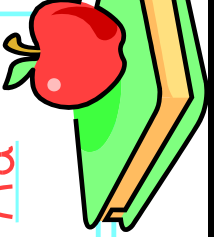


Traveling? Can't make it to church on a Sunday morning? Worship with us via our website: [westlakeumc.org](http://westlakeumc.org) for the 10:00 service. You will see the link to the broadcast in the lower left corner of the home screen.

You are also invited to register your attendance, send prayer requests, and/or make contributions online.

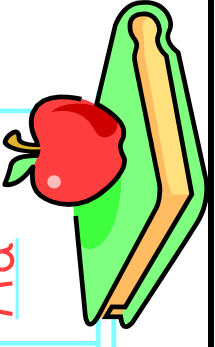
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| Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 2<br>4:00pm Community Meal (SMW)  | 4<br>6:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal   | 5<br>11:30am Purl Girls (100)<br>1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)<br>6pm Blue Bus Giveaway (SMW)                                | 6<br>10 am UMW Bd. Mtg (105)<br>5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100)<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal<br>7pm Teacher Training (100)   | 7<br>7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli)<br>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)<br>5:30pm 3MB - Men Mentoring Men & Boys (SMW)  | 8<br>6:30pm Alcohol Anon (FH-SMW)   |
| 3<br>LABOR DAY<br><i>Church Office Closed</i>   | 11<br>5:30pm Bread on Bridge (Nehemiah)<br>5:30pm G Scouts-Rachael (FH)<br>6:00 pm Mission Team (207)<br>6:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal | 12<br>11:30am Purl Girls (100)<br>1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)<br>2pm ChristCare - JMc (205)<br>6pm Blue Bus Giveaway (SMW) | 13<br>9am Bible Study (205)<br>10:30am UMW Gen. Mtg Potluck (FH)<br>5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100)<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal  | 14<br>7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli)<br>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)<br>5:30pm 3MB - Men Mentoring Men & Boys (SMW) | 15<br><br>6:30pm Alcohol Anon (FH-SMW) |
| 9<br><b>Kick Off Sunday</b><br>8:00 am—12:30 pm<br>UMM Belgian Waffle Breakfast<br>10:00am SMW Picnic<br>11:15 pm Choir Board (100)<br><i>Book to Youth Potluck 5-7</i> | 10<br>12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH)<br>5:45pm Trustees (207)<br>7 pm Stephen Ministry (100/7)                                      | 18<br>5:30pm Bread on Bridge (Nehemiah)<br>6:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal   | 19<br>11:30am Purl Girls (100)<br>1pm All Staff Mtg (207)<br>5:30pm Cruisin' Westlake<br>6pm Blue Bus Giveaway (SMW)<br><i>Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. SMW</i>  | 20<br>9 am Bible Study (205)<br>1pm Luncheon Club<br>5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100)<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal             | 21<br>7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli)<br>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)<br>5:30pm 3MB - Men Mentoring Men & Boys (SMW)     |
| 16<br>11:30am <i>Children's Choir Starts</i><br>6pm Cambodia Mtg. (207)<br>5pm Bible Study (107)<br><i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m. SC</i>                                      | 17<br>7pm Caregiver's Support Group (100/7)<br>7 pm Finance Mtg (207)   | 25<br>5:30pm Bread on Bridge (Nehemiah)<br>5:30pm Prevention Exercises (FH)<br>6:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal                       | 26<br>9am Food Pantry (SMW)<br>11:30pm Purl Girls (100)<br>1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)<br>5:30pm Community Meal (SC)<br>6pm Blue Bus Giveaway (SMW)<br>6pm ChristCare-GM (107)<br><i>Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. SMW</i> | 27<br>9 am Bible Study (205)<br>10 am UMW Missions (FH)<br>5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100)<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal       | 28<br>7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli)<br>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)<br>5:30pm 3MB - Men Mentoring Men & Boys (SMW)     |
| 23<br>9am Daniel Plan -K.<br>Dailey (106/107)<br>11:30am Daniel Plan<br>4pm Confirmation Parent Mtg (FH)<br>5pm Bible Study (207)<br><i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m. SC</i>     | 24<br>7:00pm Daniel Plan  | 25<br>5:30pm Bread on Bridge (Nehemiah)<br>5:30pm Prevention Exercises (FH)<br>6:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal                       | 26<br>9am Food Pantry (SMW)<br>11:30pm Purl Girls (100)<br>1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103)<br>5:30pm Community Meal (SC)<br>6pm Blue Bus Giveaway (SMW)<br>6pm ChristCare-GM (107)<br><i>Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. SMW</i> | 27<br>9 am Bible Study (205)<br>10 am UMW Missions (FH)<br>5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100)<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal       | 29<br>7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli)<br>3-6pm Theater Group (FH)<br>5:30pm 3MB - Men Mentoring Men & Boys (SMW)     |
| 30<br>5pm Bible Study (207)<br><i>Youth Group 5-8 p.m. SC</i>   |   |   |  |   |   |

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### OTHER PASTORS CONNECTED TO THIS CONGREGATION:

Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb      Rev. Dr. Richard Lehto  
 Rev. Ron Dietrich              Rev. Bob Remington  
 Rev. Diana Guyette            Rev. Tom Taylor

SC – Suburban Campus      SMW – Simpson Metro West Campus

## Coming Up

- 9/2 Simpson Metro West Community Meal (p. 8)
- 9/5 Purl Girls (p. 4)
- 9/9 Kick-Off Sunday (p. 2)  
 Pancake Breakfast, SC (p. 7)  
 Youth Potluck, SC (p. 7)  
 Worship & Potluck at Brookside Reservation (p.7)
- 9/13 Pastor's Bible Study Begins (p. 4)
- 9/13 UMW Meeting & Potluck (p. 7)
- 9/16 Dare to Dream Study Begins (p. 4)
- 9/16 Children's Choir Begins (p. 4)
- 9/17 Caregiver's Support Group (p. 5)
- 9/18 West Side Community House Meal (p. 8)
- 9/19 Cruisin' Westlake (p. 5)
- 9/23 Confirmation Parent Meeting, SC (p. 7)
- 9/26 Simpson Metro West Food Pantry (p. 8)
- 9/27 Suburban Campus Community Meal (p. 8)
- 9/27 Mission Outreach Circle (p. 4)

**\* MESSENGER ARTICLES FOR OCTOBER: DUE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH \***

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