December 2018

THE MESSENGER

WUMC ONE CHURCH IN TWO LOCATIONS
WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

The Season of Advent

Many of us love the season of Advent. It is a wonderful time of preparation and excitement. In our society today, sometimes the busyness of the weeks leading up to Christmas diverts our attention from the real reason for this season. Our filled calendars and the non-stop messages of consumerism can easily distract us from the recognition that God loves us so much that God took human form and lived among us. This Advent, we want to invite you to slow down a bit and turn your focus to Scripture as we prepare for the birth of the Christ-child.

Like many churches, we will be focusing on the messages of hope, peace, joy, and love during Advent. As a faith community, we have many reasons to be hope-filled. For over a year we have been praying breakthrough prayers asking God to guide us in the future direction of this church. Through these prayers we were led to become one church in two locations. We have many reasons to be hope-filled because of the ministries of Westlake United Methodist Church at both our Suburban and Simpson Metro West campuses. Our church has seen hope in the faces of families having a safe place for their children to trick or treat. We have seen hope in the faces of those who join us for our community meals each month on both campuses and those that come to our food pantry. We are filled with hope when we hear about the 30+ people who join us on Tuesday evenings at our meal and worship service at Nehemiah Mission. Of course, the greatest hope we can ever have is the living hope of everlasting life that comes from Jesus Christ.

Our peace and joy also come from Jesus. We know that Scripture tells us that through prayer and thanksgiving the peace of God "which surpasses all understanding" will fill us. Unfortunately, we often hear that the busyness of life and the events of our world are filling many of you with every kind of emotion except peace. That is why it is so important to focus on the real reason for this season through being in worship and small groups with family and friends.

The birth of Jesus brings us great joy. That being said, the holidays can be times filled with anxiety and, for some, they can also be filled with sadness. Under the leadership of Gretty Myers, our health and wellness team has organized many, helpful seminars throughout this year including one on relaxation to manage stress through Tai Chi. Hopefully, you took advantage of that opportunity. If you were unable to be with us for that event, please see Gretty for some helpful resources. Often the seasons of Advent and Christmas remind us of those that are no longer with us for the holidays. Joy can be replaced by deep sadness, and perhaps even depression. On December 2nd we will have a panel discussion on depression and suicide.

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WUMC SUBURBAN CAMPUS
A SITE OF WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

WUMC SIMPSON METRO WEST
A SITE OF WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Simpson Metro West Campus
8519 Clark Ave • Cleveland, Ohio 44102
(440) 871-3088 • westlakeumc.org/simpson
Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.

News and Committee Reports

Share the Message of Hope at Christmas

INVITE SOMEONE TO CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SUNDAY DEC. 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUBURBAN CAMPUS

1:00 p.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 & Candlelight

9:00 p.m.: Traditional Candlelight Christmas / Choir & Communion*

**The 9pm services will be livestreamed. All Suburban Campus services can be viewed via close circuit TV in Fellowship Hall. Children welcomed at all services. Nursery Care offered at 1pm and 3pm at the Suburban Campus .*

SIMPSON METRO WEST

2:30 p.m.: Christmas, Carols, Cookies, and Cocoa - Nehemiah Mission: 6515 Bridge Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

6:00 p.m.: Traditional Candlelight Christmas - SMW

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Please join us for this very important conversation. In addition, Rev. Paige will be leading two "Longest Night—Blue Christmas" services on Friday, December 21. Please see page 4 for more information.

Especially during Advent and Christmas we are called to remember "God is love." We love because God first loved us, and the birth of Jesus is a wonderful reminder of God's love for all people. Through the shopping, the parties, and the dinners that perhaps you wished you did not even need to attend, please remember the love that was born at Christmas and Jesus' call for us to love one another.

May your hearts and minds will be filled with the hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus Christ throughout this season of Advent.

Faithfully Yours,
Rev. Mollie & Rev. Paige

Trustees Corner

Maintaining our worship facilities is a chief responsibility of the Trustee Committee. The singer/songwriter Neil Young captured the essence of this duty appropriately with the lyric "rust never sleeps" as there continually are systems and equipment that require maintenance or replacement.

Thus far in 2018 the Trustees have installed LED light fixtures in several rooms of the Suburban Campus ($5,000) and replaced the garage roof ($1,000). Before the close of 2018, the Trustee Committee plans to complete replacement of the lobby doors and associated mechanical openers ($18,000), replace the furnaces that serve Fellowship Hall ($12,000), install heat sensors in attic spaces ($2,000) and repair or upgrade a significant portion of our exterior lighting ($5,000).

Thus far in 2018 the Trustees have installed new emergency lighting fixtures in all areas of the Simpson Metro West campus ($10,000) and replaced the flat roof ($5,000). Before the close of 2018, the Trustee Committee plans to complete replacement of the exterior concrete steps ($5,500).

Looking ahead to 2019, the Trustees plan to continue upgrading light fixtures at both campuses, upgrading our audio/visual/live streaming equipment and capabilities at both campuses and consider possible replacement of the furnaces that serve the sanctuary at the Suburban campus.

Allocations from the annual operating budget are not, and are not intended to be, sufficient to maintain all church property and equipment. In periods between formal capital campaigns, WUMC relies on your donations for capital needs that are in addition to annual giving to the operating fund. Your prayerful consideration of a capital gift in 2018, or at any time, is always appreciated and makes a significant impact on our ability to provide welcoming worship spaces and enjoyable worship experiences.

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

Small Groups & Spiritual Growth

UMC Women's Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 6 | 1 pm | SC

Westlake United Methodist Women will give their Christmas Tea to all church members and their friends. We will be entertained by Westlake High School "Company D Show Choir" and will enjoy a delicious reception afterwards.

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

We are also collecting socks & underwear (any size), please bring to the church from 11/11 – 12/6 and place them in the UMW basket across from the elevator, in the lobby, or bring them to the Christmas Tea.

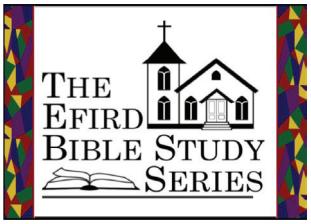
Many unfortunate boys & girls will appreciate them.

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays | 9 am | Room 205, SC

Rev. Mollie's Thursday Morning Bible Study is 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.



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Music Notes

Christmas Cantata

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Don't forget to make plans to attend the 10:00 am worship service at Suburban campus for this year's Christmas Cantata.

This year, the choir will present The Heart of Christmas by Pepper Choplin. A worshipful blend of traditional choral singing with shades of bluegrass and jazz, this year's cantata will also be accompanied by a string quartet and a trio of readers.

Westlake UMC Goes Caroling!

Sunday, December 16 | 3 pm

Looking for a way to bring greater meaning to the season? Do you love this time of year and the songs that you hear?

Join us as we as a church go caroling on the afternoon after the Christmas Cantata. We will meet at the church at 3:00pm and break into several large groups to visit retirement communities, the home-bound, and other locations. We will gather back at the church at 5:00pm for food and fellowship afterwards.

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in this act of ministry, give it a try this year. You will be able to make such a difference in this peoples' lives - they are truly moved when carolers come to call. It is low commitment, low stress opportunity to spread the love of Christ in this season.

We will have plenty of singers - no need to worry if you do not normally break into song in public!

For more information, please contact Director of Music Ministries Christopher Neely in between worship services or via email at music@westlakeumc.org

Compassion & Congregational Care

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME & COMMUNION

With Prayer Partners

SUNDAYS 9 – 9:30 AM OR 11 – 11:30 AM AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS

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

THE DANIEL PLAN

GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH

JOIN US for the The Daniel Plan 5 Essentials!

It's not too late to start this journey or continue walking the path to a healthy, transformed life.

There are several options to join a small group focusing on more of the Daniel Plan health benefits. The sessions meet weekly into mid-November, will take a break during the holiday time and start up again in January.

Please contact Gretty Myers gretty.myers@gmail.com if you would like to participate in one of the classes below.

SMALL GROUP MEETING OPTIONS

Sundays at 9 a.m. – Room 107
Sundays at 11:30 a.m. – Room 100
Mondays at 7 p.m. – Library
Tuesdays at 4 p.m. – Room 106/107
Wednesdays at 7 p.m. – Room 205

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Our Caregivers Support Group will be taking a break until spring. **If you have any needs or questions please contact Gretty Myers through the church office at 440-871-3088 or gretty.myers@gmail.com**

HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM

Health & Wellness

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 gretty.myers@gmail.com with your ideas!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

IS IT MORE THAN SEASONAL SADNESS?

Sunday, December 2 from 6 to 8 pm

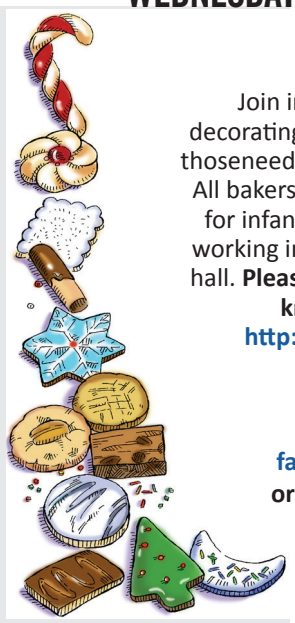
We will have a panel discussion for youth and adults with representatives from OhioGuidestone and people affiliate with the church to talk about how we can support those dealing with mental health issues in this season, how we can have compassion for ourselves and others facing emotional difficulties and the role our faith can play in helping us face this season.

Following the panel, there will space for small group discussion and one-on-one conversations if needed.

Compassion & Congregational Care

Christmas Cookie Baking

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12, 9–11:30 A.M. AT SUBURBAN CAMPUS



Join in a festive morning of baking & decorating Christmas cookies for shut ins and thoseneeding 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 at http://signup.com/go/UOdWLOG.**

Reserve your childcare spot by emailing Ellie Peiffer at faithformation@westlakeumc.org or call the office at (440) 871-3088.

Donations of cookie tins are appreciated!

WORLD WIDE CANDLELIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 6PM

Unity Spiritual Center,
23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake, OH 44145

Candles will be lit to honor the memory of children that have died too soon. Program includes an interfaith service, candlelighting and indoor labyrinth walk.
More information at thecompassionatefriends.org

Mission Opportunities

CAMBODIA MISSION TRIP 2019

We are very excited that there are 15 people going to Cambodia in January; seven from WUMC and eight from UMC Berea. While not everyone from our congregation can physically go with us, we know you will be praying for us.

There are other ways to connect and support this mission:

- We will be taking prayer beads with us to give to the many youth and adults we will be working with. We need many hands to help make them on **December 15th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.**
- We are collecting over the counter medications (Tylenol, aspirin, etc.)
- Will you be getting new electronics for Christmas? We are also taking used cell phones, tablets, and laptops. (Please make sure to erase all personal data!)

Please place items in the marked bins in the lobby between December 16-January 6.
Contact Kay Martin for more information.

Community Meals

We are looking for people to provide the food and serve at West Side Community House on the third Tuesday of the month for January through May. Sign up on the lobby bulletin board, menus are provided. Please join with friends, your Christ Care group to continue this important support of parents at WSCH.

DECEMBER MISSION EVENT

Saturday, December 8th we are serving at Twice Blessed Free Store from 9:00 to 1:00.

December is a busy month for Twice Blessed and your help is especially needed. We will be helping shoppers, sorting, restocking, checking in and out customers.
No experience needed!
Meet at WUMC SC to carpool.

Mission Opportunities & Updates (cont.)

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HOUSE CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Sharing Christmas with others:
Make it a happy Christmas for many by purchasing items for Westside Community House from their Christmas Wish List. Please put donations of new, unwrapped items in bags marked for WSCH.

Drop off items to WUMC by Wednesday, December 5. Only NEW UNWRAPPED items please. List available on the main bulletin board.

Cookie Donation

Help make West SideCommunity House's Christmas Party delicious by donating cookies, homemade or store bought.

Please leave cookies in the kitchen marked WSCH by December 2nd.

West Side Community House Christmas Wish List

Infants & Toddlers		Children	
Baby supplies Bibs Blankets Bottles Car Seats Child Carriers Sleep Sack Diaper Bags	Cribs Strollers Newborn Tub Layettes 2-piece clothing sets Shoes Rattles Teethers	Action Figures/Superheroes Books Board Games Bop It! Coloring Books Hot Wheels/Matchbox Lego's Slime Kits	JoJo brand Hair Items Dolls Polly Pockets Jewelry Making Kits Silly Bandz Paw Patrol Littlest Pet Shops Nerf Balls, etc.
Teen Girls		**Teen Boys**	
Hair Clips, Headbands, Pony Tail Holders, etc. Lip Gloss Chapstick Nail Polish Jewelry	Blow Dryers Flat Irons Body Sprays & Lotions (*Bath and Body Works*) Hoodies Phone Cases	Basketball Football ID Wallet Earphones Visa gift cards	Skull Caps Sports Caps Sports Hoodies Sports Sweatshirts
Older Adults		**for ALL Ages & Genders**	
Boxes of Greeting Cards WITH STAMPS PLEASE Bath and Body *(full-size colognes, lotions, etc.)* Flannel Shirts *(XL and XX needed)* Grocery Store Gift Cards *(Dave's, WalMart, Giant Eagle)* Purses and Wallets Slippers Wall Calendars Adult Coloring Books Flannel Pajama sets		Boots Coats Flannel Shirts Gloves and Mittens Hats Scarves Socks and Footies Sweaters Sweatshirts Thermal Underwear (Some XL and XX sizes needed.)	

Only ***new*** items will be accepted. Please contact Gloria at (216) 771-7297, ext. 326 for questions regarding drop off.

Please deliver items no later than Wednesday, December 5 to 9300 Lorain Avenue

Drop off Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thank you!

FLAT ROCK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION BRINGS JOY TO MANY!

Thanks to the congregation for supporting the Flat Rock Giving Tree! Many gifts were donated along with monetary donations in memory of Dr. Parks that 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

EQUAL EXCHANGE HOLIDAY TREATS

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate & Snacks

A gift from Equal Exchange is the perfect answer to the "What do I get this person for Christmas?" They make great stocking stuffers! Teachers, friends, family, Santa himself…who doesn't love a treat!?! Your purchases support Fair Trade and Westlake UMC's Mission Team activities.

Stop at the coffee table in Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service to see the large selection of items available for purchase. Or, you can pick up an Equal Exchange Holiday order form in the lobby or in your Sunday bulletin insert.

Call Jim Gramlich with any questions at 440-899-1382.

Kid's Ministry News

WHAT ARE THE KIDS LEARNING ABOUT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MONTH?

December's Scriptures and Themes:

DECEMBER 2
A Good Ruler – Jeremiah 33:14-17

DECEMBER 9
Zechariah – Luke 1:68-79

DECEMBER 16
John the Baptist – Luke 3: 1-18

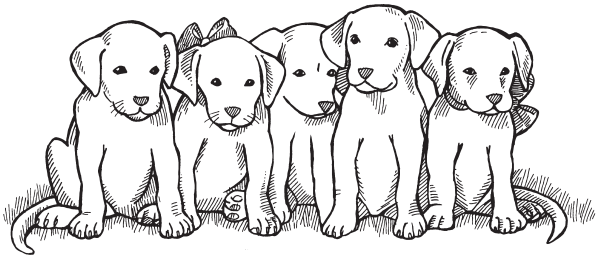
DECEMBER 23
Mary Visits Elizabeth – Luke 1:39-58

Sunday, December 30th all school aged children are invited to worship in the sanctuary with their families for lessons & carols. Our Nursery, Preschool & Special Needs classes will meet as usual.

4TH GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

COMING SOON!

The church is excited to present our 4th graders a gift of their own study Bible. **If you have a 4th Grader and have not been contacted by Mrs. Peiffer, please call the church office or email faithformation@westlakeumc.org.**



MISSION: POSSIBLE

Advent & Christmas Offering to the Cleveland APL

Animals figure prominently in the Christmas Story. Likely, there were just as many animals at Jesus's birth as people! To show our love for all God's creatures, our kids will be saving and bringing in coins throughout December to donate to the Cleveland APL! There will be Giving Buckets in each classroom for the kid's donations...Adults are welcome to throw in their loose change too! They will also be assembling fleece strips into chew toys after their lessons are done each week.

Parents, watch for the date of our donation visit to the APL in early January.

SOCKTOBER

was a huge success!

The children collected over 500 pairs of socks...many went to the Northeast Ohio Coalition on the Homeless along with blessing bags that the kids filled with simple toiletries. Thank you for supporting the kids efforts to shine Jesus' love for those less fortunate in the cold winter months ahead.

Above: Sorting socks with love. Right: Preparing blessing bags for the homeless.

Youth News

Suburban Campus

SC YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

December 2
Is it More Than Seasonal Sadness?
Youth are encouraged to attend the health and wellness event that will include space for youth discussion. The schedule for youth that evening will be:
5pm: Dinner, games and fellowship
6pm: Panel Discussion
7pm: Small Group Conversation about the Panel

December 9
Youth Holiday Party: 5:30-7:30

December 16
All-Church Carolling at 3 pm

Youth will join with the whole congregation for an evening of caroling.

December 23- January 6
No Youth Group – Holiday Break

SC Regular Sunday Youth Group Meeting Schedule

4 pm – Confirmation
5 pm – Middle school Youth Group
6 pm – Dinner and Worship
7 pm – High School Youth Group

Simpson Metro West Campus

SMW YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

December 5
Regular Youth Group

December 12
Regular Youth Group

December 19
Special Christmas Celebration

CHRISTMAS joy

Make this fun decoration as a reminder of the joy Jesus brings.

What you need:
- Pencil
- Poster board
- Scissors
- Craft pompoms (red, white, green, silver, gold)
- Glue

What you do:
1. Trace large capital block letters J, O and Y on the poster board.
2. Cut out the letters.
3. Glue pompoms on one side of each letter, completely covering it.
4. Share JOY by displaying the letters in your home.

Coming in January

Beginning January 13, the Suburban Campus youth group will start a new meeting schedule that will allow high school and middle school youth to have dinner and games together and keep separate discussions, while also making the evening easier for families with kids in both age groups. The new schedule will be as follows:

5:30-6:00 pm
Games and Fellowship

6:00-6:45 pm
Dinner and Worship

6:45-7:20 pm
Split Discussion Time

7:20-7:30 pm
Wrap-up and Sending Forth

We will try this schedule for the winter and spring and will evaluate at the end of the year.

Confirmation will remain at 4 pm.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

In partnership with our Student Ministries Leadership Team, we have decided to move fundraising activities for the summer mission trip to early 2019. Stay tuned for more details about Youth Fundraising activities next year!

WANT WEEKLY UPDATES FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR YOUTH GROUPS?

SIGN-UP TO OUR E-NEWSLETTER:
HTTP://EEPURL.COM/DD9FOX

Church Family Focus

SUBURBAN CAMPUS

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

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 2 • SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 16
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 and affirm our youth as they go forth into the world. Your continued support of the scholarship fund is appreciated!

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 NUT FREE

THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER COFFEE TIME SPONSORS:

December 2 Ron & Cathie Dietrich
December 9 Suzanne D'Ettorre
December 16 Shelley Marsh
December 23 Russ & Carole Miller
December 30 Bill & Carole Heppner

ALTAR FLOWERS

AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS

Many thanks to those who help to beautify our Altar with the purchase of flowers. Altar flowers honor, celebrate or remember a special person or event.

THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS:

December 2 Judy Massey
December 9 Open
December 16 Open
December 23 Carole Miller
December 30 Gary & Jayne Linch

YOU CAN JOIN WESTLAKE UMC AT THE 10:00AM SERVICE WITH LIVE STREAMING** FROM OUR SUBURBAN CAMPUS.

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.*

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

ONLINE GIVING: Use your credit card via our website at 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.

Reminder from the Financial Manager's Office:

Donations intended to be credited to 2018 may be made in the offering on Sunday, December 30th, 2018

or MUST be received in the church office by 1:00pm on December 31st.

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 2018

	Current Period	Year to Date	Prior Year YTD Prior Year		Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	$53,185.15*	$426,753.78	$42,180.81	$403,244.44	$503,349.06	$617,876.69
TOTAL INCOME	53,185.15	426,753.78	42,180.81	403,244.44	503,349.06	617,876.69
EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE						
STAFF PARISH EXPENSE	$26,455.41	$244,723.74	$27,646.46	$273,435.39	$273,616.28	$335,065.94
OFFICE EXPENSE	1,104.78	12,368.37	769.41	8,883.11	14,039.98	17,542.00
FINANCE TEAM EXPENSE	7,844.21	24,668.40	439.44	2,547.98	2,730.00	3,200.00
FACILITIES EXPENSE	9,809.65	85,574.79	4,567.16	49,260.26	87,192.13	109,126.98
Subtotal Expenses	45,214.05	367,335.30	33,422.47	334,126.74	377,578.39	464,934.92
MINISTRY EXPENSE						
MUSIC EXPENSE	516.09	1,609.41	189.20	2,371.85	2,195.00	2,700.00
WORSHIP EXPENSE	661.27	6,570.10	514.95	2,943.05	7,252.00	8,526.00
EDUCATION EXPENSE	550.90	7,513.02	1,346.24	9,761.19	17,312.70	20,001.00
OUTREACH EXPENSE	732.98	4,762.36	420.26	1,833.57	6,151.44	7,705.00
CONNECTIONAL GIVING	6,550.25	65,908.66	6,902.08	70,943.05	65,502.50	78,603.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	9,011.49	86,363.55	9,372.73	87,852.71	98,413.64	117,535.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	54,225.54	453,698.85	42,795.20	421,979.45	475,992.03	582,469.92
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	-$1,040.39	-$26,945.07	-$614.39	-$18,735.01	$27,357.03	$35,406.77

**Includes remaining funds transferred from Simpson*

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:30pm Alcohol Anon(SMW)
2 9 am Faithlinks (100) 9am Daniel Plan-K. Dailey(106/7) 4pm Confirmation Class (205) 4pm Cambodia Mtg (107) 4:30pm Comm Meal (SMW) 5 pm Youth Dinner 5pm Advent Study (207) 6pm Seasonal Sadness Mtg (FH) 6:30pm ChristCare-CN (207)	3 12:30pm Advent Study-EP (205) 7pm Leadership Council (207)	4 5:30 pm Bread On Bridge (Nehemiah)	5 11:30am Purl Girls (100) 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 6 pm Advent Study-GM (107) 7pm Daniel Plan (205) 7pm 11:28 Rehearsal Youth Group/Worship 5 :30 p.m. SMW	6 9am Bible Study (207) 1 pm UMW Christmas Tea 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 6:00 pm Mission Team (107) 7 pm ChristCare - DL (107) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli) 12—9pm WECPTA Cookies with Santa 5:30pm 3MB - (SMW)	8 9 am Twice Blessed Free Store (TB) 12 P.M.–7:30 P.M. PRIVATE RECITALS AVON SCHOOL OF MUSIC 6:30pm Alcohol Anon (SMW)
9 9 am Faithlinks (100) 4pm Confirmation Class (205) 5pm Advent Study (207) Youth Christmas Party 5–8 p.m.	10 Organ Tuning 12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (205) 5:45pm Trustees (207) 7pm Stephen Ministry (100/7) 7pm ChristCare-G/J.L (205)	11 5:30 pm G. Scouts-Rachael (FH) 5:30 pm Bread On Bridge (Nehemiah) 6:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal Messenger Deadline	12 11:30am Purl Girls (100) 1:30pm Arthritis Exer. (103) 2 pm ChristCare-JMc (205) 6 pm Advent Study-GM (107) 7pm Daniel Plan (205) 7pm 11:28 Rehearsal Youth Group/Worship 5 :30 p.m. SMW	13 9am Bible Study (207) 9-11:30 am Christmas Cookie Baking (Kitchen/FH) 3pm Girl Scouts- Rachael (FH) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) 7 pm ChristCare -DL (107) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli) 5:30pm 3MB - (SMW)	15 9 am Prayer Bead Workshop (FH) 6:30pm Alcohol Anon (SMW)
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23 5pm Advent Study (207)	24 Christmas Eve Contemporary 1:00 pm Nehemiah Mission 2:30 pm Traditional 3:00 pm Family/Blended 5:00 pm Traditional 6:00 pm SMW Traditional 9:00 pm	25 Church Office Closed Blessed Christmas	26 Church Office Closed	27 9am Bible Study (207) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon (100) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	28 7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli) 3-6pm Theater Group (FH) 5:30pm 3MB - (SMW)	29 6:30pm Alcohol Anon (SMW)
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