

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**THE LIGHT ENTERS OUR WORSHIP**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

**\* HYMN -- Please hold up connection cards so ushers can receive them --**

**\* OPENING PRAYER (in unison) \*\*\***

**HEARING & PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

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**SERMON**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**COMMUNITY TIME**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORSHIPING WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A)**

**THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\* HYMN**

**\* THE LIGHT LEADS US INTO SERVICE**

**\* BLESSING**

**\* POSTLUDE**



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your attendance

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✠ ***In Our Service Today:***

***Pastor:*** Rev. Abby Caseman

***Liturgist:*** Louise Sevold

***Organist:*** Anna Judkins

***Director of Music & Youth Ministries:*** Christopher Neely

***Vocal Ensemble:*** Connie Metzinger, Diana Metzinger, Michelle Maniscalco,  
Nicolette Miller, Barbara Parker, Barbara Siwik



**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT 6:30PM**

*Come for informal, sing along style worship, prayer,  
and Holy Communion led by Pastor Abby Caseman  
on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:00 pm.  
Bring your phone to access the lyrics to sing along!*

*Please use the Christian Education entrance as we will gather in Fellowship Hall.*

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**Our Identity**

At Westlake United Methodist Church, we welcome and accept all people of all ages, races, social and economic backgrounds, sexual orientations, and gender identities. All are encouraged to worship and participate fully in the life of our church. As United Methodists, we hold to the historic doctrines of the Christian faith. Our emphasis is on a personal faith, lived out in the world with direction and purpose. Our passionate faith is advanced by strong convictions. We look to the Bible as the authoritative guide for faith and practice and we value the intellect and modern science. We are willing to ask questions, wrestle with difficult issues, and do so with grace and compassion.

**Our Purpose**

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

**Our Vision**

To provide opportunities to everyone for community worship, spiritual growth, and missionary service.

LIVE AND LOVE SO THAT OTHERS WANT TO BE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

# The Week Ahead September 1 – September 7

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**8:45 am**

Faith Matters/Kay Martin (Zoom & Rm 207)  
[kcbrightmartin@gmail.com](mailto:kcbrightmartin@gmail.com)

**9:00 am**

Deeper Dive with Pastor Abby (Room 100)

**10:00 am**

Classic Worship

**10:00 am**

- Sunday Morning Kid's Ministries - Summer
- **Toddler/Preschool/Kinders** (Rm 202)
  - **1 - 6 Grade** (Drop off/ pick up in rm102. Class will go outside - dress for weather)
  - **Infant & Baby Care** (Rm 203 is always open as a quiet room for parents & babies)

For more information on Kids Ministries or to request childcare, please contact  
[faithformation@westlakeumc.org](mailto:faithformation@westlakeumc.org)

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Collecting the following items:

**Large Reusable Grocery Bags**  
**Small jars of peanut butter**  
**(plastic jars only)**

Donations can be dropped off in the lobby.

**Financial support of our food ministry is always welcomed!**

**Annotate donations: Food Ministry**

Questions: [foodministry@westlakeumc.org](mailto:foodministry@westlakeumc.org)

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2



## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**9:00 am**

Zoom Coffee Hour  
(Email [westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org](mailto:westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org))

**10:00 am**

Food Pantry (Villa Mercede)

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**10:00 am**

Food Pantry (North ridge Commons)

**6:30 pm**

Wednesday Worship (Fellowship Hall)

**7:30-9:00pm**

Organ Lessons (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**4:00 pm**

Voice Lessons (Sanctuary)

**7:00 pm**

Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**11:00 am**

LGBT Center Food Pantry (LGBT Ctr)

**7:30-9:00pm**

Organ Lessons (Sanctuary)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit your prayer requests at  
[prayerrequests@westlakeumc.org](mailto:prayerrequests@westlakeumc.org)

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**January 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024**

Total income: \$246,825.54

(up \$8,031.87 from prior year)

Total expenses: \$282,844.40

(up \$21,353.51 from prior year)

WUMC's current deficit: -\$36,018.86

### ATTENDANCE

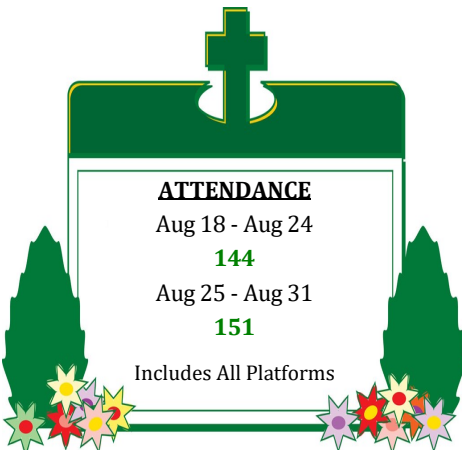
Aug 18 - Aug 24

**144**

Aug 25 - Aug 31

**151**

Includes All Platforms



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### KICKOFF SUNDAY SEPT 8 - WHAT A GIFT!

We are celebrating the many gifts from God; the gift of worship, community, nourishing food, and our transforming work together! Everyone is invited for lunch after 10am worship. Cookout fare & beverages provided. Bring a side, salad or dessert to share. Help is needed for set up & clean up...let Sam Loomis know you are available at [connections@westlakeumc.org](mailto:connections@westlakeumc.org)

### KICKOFF SUNDAY SET UP HELP NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed during the day on Saturday, Sept 7th to move the large tent pieces out of the garage in preparation for Kickoff Sunday (weather permitting). We are also in need of several volunteers to set up the tent and tables and chairs in the morning on Sept 8th. Able to assist on either of these dates? Contact Sam Loomis at [connections@westlakeumc.org](mailto:connections@westlakeumc.org).

### "OUR HEARTS WERE STRANGELY LUKEWARM"

#### BOOK DISCUSSION WITH THE AUTHOR, JOHN ELFORD

**Saturday, September 21 from 9:30am - 2:30pm at Ashland UMC.**

Join in this East Ohio Conference event to continue the important work of anti-racism. This book is focused on the American Methodist church and its struggle with white supremacy. You do not have to read the book to attend the seminar. For more info & to register: <https://eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/OurHeartsWereStrangelyLukewarm>. If you'd like to carpool &/or read the book with others from our congregation, contact Ellie at [faithformation@westlakeumc.org](mailto:faithformation@westlakeumc.org)

### SPIRITUAL GIFT DISCOVERY WORKSHOPS

Discover the spiritual side of your God-given skills, abilities & interests and the ways God may be calling you. This fall there are 3 options to participate in a workshop that will illuminate and connect you to others in the faith community.

- Saturday, Sept 22 from 4-6pm
- Wed, Oct 9 & 16 from 7-8pm
- Saturday, November 16 from 1-3pm

For more info and to sign up: <https://forms.gle/WXkhgsi7NGJvG4Wk7> or contact Ellie at [faithformation@westlakeumc.org](mailto:faithformation@westlakeumc.org)

