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**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**THE LIGHT LEADS US INTO WORSHIP**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

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

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

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

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**HEARING & PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**HYMN**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**SERMON**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**COMMUNITY TIME**

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORSHIPING WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison) \*\*\*\***

**SENDING FORTH**

**\* HYMN**

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

**\* BLESSING**

**\* CHORAL AMEN**

**\* POSTLUDE**



Scan QR code to register  
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

***Director of Faith Formation:*** Ellie Peiffer

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Collecting the following items:

***Large Reusable Grocery Bags***

***Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams/Corn***

***Gravy Packets***

Donations can be dropped off in the lobby.

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

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

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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.

# The Week Ahead September 29 – October 5

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**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*)

**9:30 am**

Sunday Morning Communion (*Narthex*)

**10:00 am**

Classic Worship

**10:00 am**

Sunday Morning Kid's Ministries

- **Toddler & Preschool** (*Rooms 201*)
- **K - 6 Grade** (*Begin in worship, pick up in rooms 102, 104*)
- **Infant/Baby Childcare** (*Room 203 is always open as a quiet room for parents and babies.*)

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

**11:15 am**

Food Pantry Bagging (*Room 105*)

**4:00 pm**

Sunday Small Group (*Zoom*)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit your prayer requests at

[prayerrequests@westlakeumc.org](mailto:prayerrequests@westlakeumc.org)

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**7:00 pm**

Mission Team Meeting (*Zoom*)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**9:00 am**

Zoom Coffee Hour

(*Email [westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org](mailto:westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org)*)

**10:00 am**

Food Pantry (*Villa Mercedes*)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**10:00 am**

Storytime (*Library*)

**10:00 am**

Food Pantry (*North Ridge Commons*)

**1:00 pm**

Wed Small Group (*Zoom & Room 207*)

**6:30 pm**

Wednesday Worship (*Fellowship Hall*)

**7:00 pm**

Wed Eve Small Group (*Room 207*)

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

Organ Lessons (*Sanctuary*)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

**10:00 am**

School Evacuation Drill

**4:00 pm**

Voice Lessons (*Sanctuary*)

**7:00 pm**

Choir Practice (*Sanctuary*)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

**11:00 am**

LGBT Center Food Pantry (*LGBT Ctr*)

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

Organ Lessons (*Sanctuary*)

### 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

Sept 22 - Sept 28

**Will be reported in Oct.**

Includes All Platforms



## **SPIRITUAL GIFT DISCOVERY WORKSHOPS**

What are your God-given skills, abilities & interests and how may God be calling you? Sign up for an in person or online only workshop that will illuminate and connect you to others in the faith community. You will need to complete assessments prior to the workshop.

- Wednesday, Oct 9 & 16 from 7-8pm
- Thursday, Nov 7 & 14 from 7-8pm *on Zoom!*
- Saturday, November 16 from 1-3pm

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

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## **COAT COLLECTION - LOVE INC. THROUGH OCT. 8**

Love in the Name of Christ, a key ministry partner, collects new and gently used coats every fall. Coats are sorted, cleaned, and distributed through other partner agencies providing direct services to our neighbors in need. All coats welcomed but adult sizes 1X -4X and children's sizes are especially needed. ***Please bring coats to church on Sundays or during regular office hours by October 8.***

Go to <https://www.loveinccuyahoga.org/> for more info on Love, Inc

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## **MARRIAGE VOW RENEWAL OCTOBER 16, 2024**

All are invited to the sanctuary at 5 PM to witness the marriage reaffirmation between Ben LeMarca and Len Ollie. The couple wants to share this moment with the church community, as United Methodists are now able to offer God's blessing on all marriages between two people. Light refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall.

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## **IT'S TIME FOR OUR COZY FALL STORYTIME IN THE FAMILY & FRIENDS LIBRARY!**

### **Wednesdays at 10am - Oct. 2 & 16, Nov. 6 & 20**

Storytime is open to all kiddo's ages 6 & younger in our community with their caring adult & siblings!

Join us for a heartwarming story, activities, playtime & snack. An RSVP is much appreciated at:

<https://forms.gle/p7UwtMnazNjfgZj8> Please share this info with the moms & caregivers you know.

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## **THE BIBLE YEAR - SUNDAY'S OR WEDNESDAY'S**

Join a small group that is continuing to read through the Bible encouraged along the way with lessons from a variety of pastors & scholars, including Margrey Devega.

Contact Gretty Myers at [gretty.myers@gmail.com](mailto:gretty.myers@gmail.com)

- Sunday's at 4pm on Zoom
  - Wednesday's at 1pm in person (Room 207) or on Zoom
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## **CHOIR SEASON HAS BEGUN!**

Our marvelous Chancel Choir always welcomes new members - all experience levels (beginners too!) are encouraged to join. Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 7:00pm-8:30pm and warms up at 9:00am for Sunday worship. Contact Chris Neely [choir@westlakeumc.org](mailto:choir@westlakeumc.org) or any of our choir members for more information.

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## **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth group is from 4:00pm-6:00pm and all youth 7th grade and up are welcome! Study, fellowship, and service activities planned throughout the school year. Contact Chris Neely

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