

**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 --**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES \*\*\***

**ADVENT HYMN**

**HEARING & PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**COMMUNITY TIME**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORSHIPING WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**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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‡ ***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 Fruit***

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)



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
1:00 pm & 9:00 pm Classic  
5:00 pm Family

*Westlake United Methodist Church*  
27650 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake Ohio, 44145  
440-871-3088  
[westlakeumc.org](http://westlakeumc.org)  
[westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org](mailto:westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org)

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# The Week Ahead December 1 - December 7

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

**8:45 am**

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

**9:00 am**

Deeper Dive W/Pastor Abby (Room 103/4)

**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)

**4:00 pm**

Sunday Small Group-Advent (Zoom)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit your prayer requests at

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

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**January 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024**

Total income: \$355,095.58

(up \$28,581.96 from prior year)

Total expenses: \$397,856.56

(up \$3,742.87 from prior year)

WUMC's current deficit: -\$42,760.98

### ATTENDANCE

Nov. 24 - Nov. 30

**141**

Includes All Platforms

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

**9:00 am**

Food Pantry/Truck Del/Bagging/Del

**1:00 pm**

Small Group - Advent (Brookdale)

**7:00 pm**

Small Group - Advent (Zoom)

**7:00 pm**

Leadership Council (Zoom)

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

**9:00 am**

Zoom Coffee Hour

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

**10:00 am**

Food Pantry (Villa Mercede)

**2:00 pm**

Flat Rock Gift Wrapping (Fellowship Hall)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**9:00 am DELIVERY ONLY**

Food Pantry

**10:00 am**

Storytime Playgroup (Fellowship Hall)

**10:00 am**

Food Pantry (North Ridge Commons)

**1:00 pm**

Small Group-Advent (Room 207 & Zoom)

**3:00 pm**

Staff Meeting (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, DECEMBER 5

**10:00 am**

Pastor's Bible Study - Advent (Zoom)

**4:00 pm**

Voice Lessons (Sanctuary)

**7:00 pm**

Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

**11:00 am**

LGBT Center Food Pantry (LGBT Ctr)

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

Organ Lessons (Sanctuary)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

As we look forward to yummy Christmas cookies, let's share the joy of Christmas by baking and wrapping treats to add a bit of cheer to a special person's holiday! ***Please bake your favorite small sized cookies at home and bring to church on 12/15, 12/16, or the morning of 12/17.*** ( please leave in the kitchen and label "for cookie delivery" ) On 12/17 at 10:00 a.m. come help decorate some cookies, help wrap them for delivery, sing some Christmas carols, and be a taste tester!! Merry Christmas baking! Gretty Myers [gretty.myers@gmail.com](mailto:gretty.myers@gmail.com)

### NATIVITYFEST! SATURDAY, DEC 14 FROM 4-7PM

Nativityfest will feature live animals in a petting zoo format & the characters of the Christmas story! The event is indoors & outdoors with lots of great photo opportunities, crafts, carols, games, cookie decorating & more! There will be food for purchase as well. Set up, clean up & help during the event is needed. Let us know what you can help with <https://forms.gle/La64g7M1iLY2gqkj8>. This is a great event to invite your friends & neighbors to experience the reason for the season.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 DURING WORSHIP

"Love is Born: Celebrating the Mystery and Wonder of Christmas" By Lloyd Larsen

### MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MORE MEANINGFUL

#### Join a Small Group this Advent!

Contact the facilitator for more information

#### "The Christmas Letters, Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First"

- ◇ Sundays 4pm on zoom with Gretty Myers
- ◇ Wednesdays 1pm In person & zoom with Gretty Myers
- ◇ Thursdays 10am on Zoom with Rev Abby

#### "Child of The Light" daily readings inspired by the Carols & Hymns of the Season

- ◇ Monday at 7pm on Zoom with Ellie Peiffer
- ◇ Mondays at 1pm at Brookdale Westlake Village Chapel. Brookdale is located at 28550 Westlake Village Dr. Just south of the church off Center Ridge Rd.

### MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

2025 coverage will see significant changes to Part D drug plans and Part C Advantage plans. NEW in 2025!!! Prescription drugs are capped at \$2,000 and plans are offering a billing payment option. Do you have retiree medical benefits that you don't understand? Questions??? Please call me, I'm here to help. Patricia *Patti* Stineman, Medicare Education OSHIIP Medicare Certified 440-781-1383

### STEWARDSHIP EVALUATION MEETING

#### Sunday, December 8 at 11:15 in the Sanctuary

Thank you to all who participated in this year's stewardship campaign. Your thoughts and feelings are requested through a short, evaluation conversation. We will be reviewing the campaign and results as well. Members of the leadership team, trustees, SPRC, finance, and staff are encouraged to attend, and anyone else is welcome, too.

